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#### He Reports, You Laugh:

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#### FILM | A SHARED 'PASSION'



COREY MORSE/THE MUSKOGEE CHRONICLE/AP

**PAINFUL SCENE:** Viewers at the Cinema Carousel in Norton Shores, Mich., were among the first to watch Mel Gibson's much-anticipated movie "The Passion of the Christ." The controversial film took in a massive \$15 million to \$20 million Wednesday, opening in 3,006 U.S. theaters.

## Drug Charges for Ravens' Lewis

ATLANTA | Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who racked up the NFL's second-highest single-season rushing total last year, was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges.

The Atlanta native is accused of helping arrange a drug deal involving cocaine in the summer of 2000, U.S. Attorney William S. Duffey said. Lewis was expected to surrender Thursday, the prosecutor said.

The indictment came out of a drug investigation that has led to 30 convictions and helped dismantle a cocaine-trafficking ring

in Atlanta, Duffey said. He refused to say whether Lewis was tied to that drug ring.

In an affidavit, FBI agent Hoyt Mahaley said that an informant contacted Lewis on his cell phone on June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis's associates.

Lewis is charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of the alleged crime, Duffey said.

An associate of Lewis, Angelo Jackson, who was also named in the indictment, was arrested Wednesday. ELLIOTT MCLAUGHLIN (AP)

## Besieged Director Quits Zoo

Resignation follows report critical of animal treatment

WASHINGTON | The embattled director of the National Zoo announced her resignation Wednesday after the release of a critical report and a string of high-profile animal deaths over the past several years.

Even as she defended what she called "exceptional animal care," zoo director Lucy Spelman said she has become "a lightning rod for too much attention."

Her resignation becomes effective at year's end.

A National Academy of Sciences panel of veterinarians, zookeepers and others began investigating the zoo last year after several well-publicized animal deaths, including two red pandas that died after eating rat poison intended to rid the yard of rodents.

Word of another zoo death this week came out at Wednesday's news conference when Spelman was asked about the death of a lion. She said surgery was attempted to save the lion, but information she received indicated the animal had died after a uterine infection ruptured.

An interim panel report by the National Academies' National Research Council released Wednesday said many animals are not receiving adequate preventive care, including exams, vaccinations and tests for infectious diseases. It also faulted the zoo for shortcomings in its animal nutrition program, which the report said had contributed to deaths. (AP)



Spelman

**ON THE ROAD | Luck of the ... You Know** Carol Ann Martin is now IRISH-ONE — but it took a court case to make it happen. Because of Vermont Motor Vehicles Department rules that prohibit references to race or ethnicity, Martin was denied



vanity license plates that celebrate her heritage. She challenged the rule and won. Legislators are now considering new rules allowing references to a person's ethnic or racial heritage, but still banning vulgar or derogatory words. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

# EyeOpeners



TOSHIYUKI AIZAWA/REUTERS

## ANIMAL WATCH

### Missed Connection

Despite the best efforts of zoo officials, male giant panda Ling Ling, above at his enclosure in Tokyo's Ueno Zoo, didn't manage to mate with female Shuan Shuan — and he seems a bit broken up about it. Shuan Shuan, flown in from Mexico City on a breeding mission, had come into heat and the two had exchanged glances across a fence, but "Ling Ling showed no signs of feeling compelled to mate naturally," zoo officials said. Keepers on Tuesday used artificial insemination to try to impregnate Shuan Shuan. (EXPRESS)

## CRIME

### Deconstruction Crew

Some Ukrainian villagers encountered an unusual problem as they tried to reach the town of Svalyava — the bridge leading to town had disappeared. Local police say the 36-foot span was likely the victim of thieves, some of whom have been known to steal metal statues, wires and sewage hatches to sell as scrap, the BBC reported Monday. Officials say locals are likely to blame, the BBC reports, since the thieves would have needed heavy machinery to take apart the bridge structure — and would have been hard-pressed to hide their work. Officials are now searching scrapyards for bridge parts. (EXPRESS)

## TOURISM

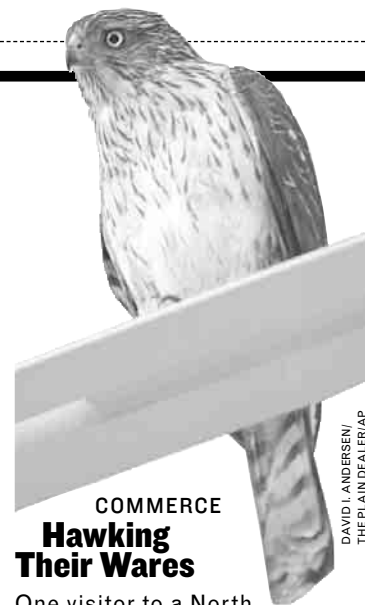
### Come See the Kids!

People across the country could soon be getting letters from North Dakota bearing a simple, handmade message from schoolchildren: Come visit. The goal of the North Dakota Invitation Project is to mail 110,000 overtures to

## POLITICS

### Offshore Snoring

Snoring has become a hot political issue in Norway after offshore oil workers complained of roommates keeping them awake at night. On some offshore oil platforms, workers have to share accommodations — so if one of them snores, the other can get dangerously deprived of sleep. The problem made national news Wednesday after Karin Andersen, a member of parliament, wrote to Labor Minister Victor Norman, demanding that something be done to help the sleep-deprived workers. Feir Heddeland, union leader of the Ekofisk oil field off southern Norway, said the problem affects about 700 of the 1,050 workers on that field alone. (AP)



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## COMMERCE

### Hawking Their Wares

One visitor to a North Olmsted, Ohio, Home Depot has been hunting for more than home improvement items. A Cooper's hawk has been flying above the stocked shelves at a suburban Cleveland store for more than a week while feeding on pigeons that live in the rafters. The hawk entered the store through an open door while chasing a pigeon. Workers said 15 pigeons were living in the store, but since the hawk arrived, few are left. Cooper's hawks are a protected species, so the bird can't be harmed or killed. (AP)

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## In Brief

## NEW ORLEANS

**Miss. River Partially Open After Wrecked Ship Moved**

The lower Mississippi River was partly reopened to heavy ships Wednesday after salvage crews moved a sunken vessel that had been blocking the river's only deep opening into the Gulf of Mexico. The Coast Guard closely monitored all river traffic and was working with river pilots to clear the backlog of ships. The 178-foot supply boat Lee III sank in the river's main shipping channel Saturday after colliding with a container ship. Weather and water conditions delayed attempts to move the sunken boat. Its five crew members are presumed drowned. (AP)

## INDIANAPOLIS

**Federal Agents Search ITT Tech Campuses in 8 States**

Federal agents Wednesday searched the headquarters of ITT Technical Institutes and its trade schools in eight states. The Indianapolis-based chain of 77 trade schools said the investigation involved records of such things as student attendance and graduation. Most ITT students receive federal financial aid. U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby of Houston said law enforcement officers went to ITT campuses in Indiana, Texas, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, California and Oregon. (AP)

**Correction:**

In a story on page 2 in Wednesday's edition, we misidentified the location of Kaiserslautern, Germany. It's located in the southwestern part of the country.

# Gay Rights Groups Give Dems a Pass

Most back Kerry despite his opposition to weddings

WASHINGTON | Prominent gay rights groups are ready to issue an election-year reprieve to Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry even though he opposes same-sex marriage, settling for less than they want in hopes of avoiding a constitutional amendment they fear.

"It's always disappointing when we find elected officials or candidates who do not support us 100 percent," said Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign.

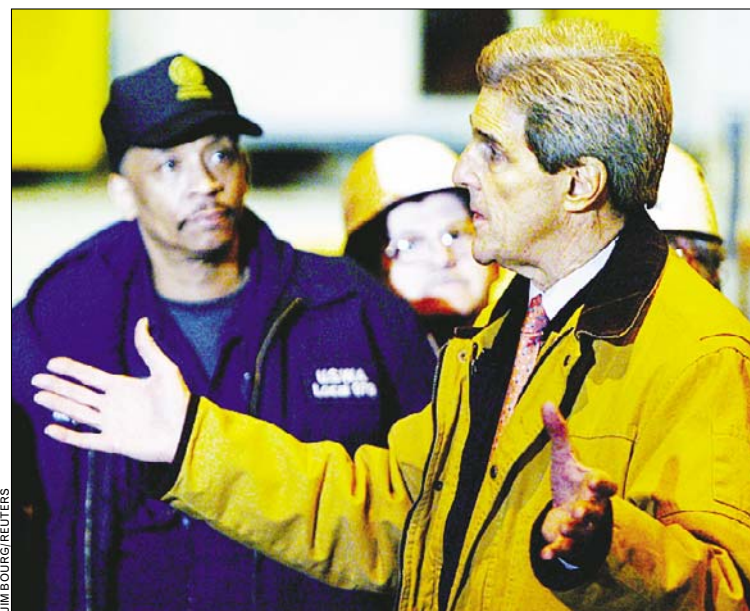
"But we understand that people are on a journey of becoming more understanding and more supportive of all that affects the gay and lesbian community."

Democrats have aggressively

courted gay voters and their campaign donations in recent years. Exit polls showed Al Gore got 75 percent of the votes cast by self-identified gays and lesbians in 2000, compared to 25 percent for Bush.

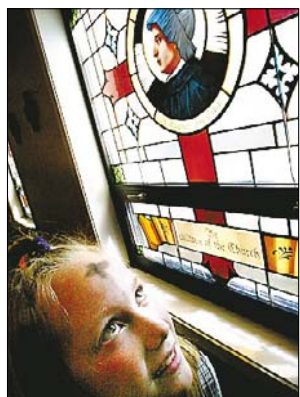
Both Kerry and his remaining major rival, Sen. John Edwards, criticized Bush on Tuesday when he called for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages. At the same time, the two men were quick to reiterate their opposition to gay marriage — a view widely shared in the country, according to numerous polls. DAVID ESPO (AP)

**On the trail:** The latest from the Kerry and Edwards campaigns as they prepare for "Super Tuesday" on March 2 | [washingtonpost.com/politics](http://washingtonpost.com/politics)



Sen. John Kerry, pictured at an Ohio factory on Wednesday, has received support from gay rights groups even though he has spoken out against same-sex marriage.

## RELIGION | REFLECTED



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Amber Lapsley of Winchester, Va., stands near a stained glass window at Sacred Heart Academy after receiving ceremonial ashes.

## Study: Weight Gain Boosts Cancer Risk

Increase of 20 pounds in women can spike chances of breast cancer

ATLANTA | The amount of weight a woman gains after age 18 is a strong signal as to whether she will get breast cancer later in life, according to new research released Wednesday by the American Cancer Society.

In one of the largest studies of weight and breast cancer to date, researchers said older women who gained 20 pounds to 30 pounds after high school graduation were

40 percent more likely to get breast cancer than women who kept the weight off.

The risk doubled if a woman gained more than 70 pounds, said Heather Spencer Feigelson, senior epidemiologist with the American Cancer Society.

"Breast cancer is strongly dependent on body weight," Feigelson said. "Even modest amounts of weight gain lead to a significantly increased risk of breast cancer."

Weight gain and body mass have long been known to be risk factors for breast cancer.

The cancer society estimates

weight contributes to between one-third and one-half of all breast cancer deaths among older women.

Fat tissue makes estrogen, and estrogen can help breast cancer grow. Weight gain also is the second leading cause of all cancers, according to research the Atlanta-based society published last year in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The cancer society study included 1,934 breast cancer cases among 62,756 women involved in a separate long-term cancer prevention study. DANIEL YEE (AP)

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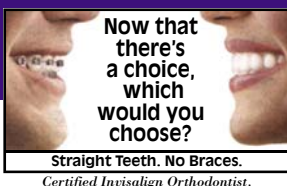
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## Nation

# Court Narrows Scholarships

## Justices rule states can withhold funding from theology students

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court, in a new rendering on separation of church and state, voted Wednesday to let states withhold scholarships from students studying theology.

The court's 7-2 ruling held that the state of Washington was within its rights to deny a taxpayer-funded scholarship to a student who was studying to be a minister. The holding applies even when money is available to those studying anything else.

The case is a departure from recent church-state fights in which

the Supreme Court has gradually allowed greater state sponsorship of religious activities.

Wednesday's case has implications for President Bush's plan to allow more church-based organizations to compete for government money, and the Bush administration argued that the state had been wrong to yank the scholarship from former student Joshua Davey.

Davey won a state Promise Scholarship, but the state rescinded the money when it learned what he planned to study.

Like 36 other states, Washington prohibits spending public funds on this kind of religious education.

ANNE GEARAN (AP)

### ON THE DOCKET

The Supreme Court on Wednesday took the following actions:

→ **Ruled** 9-0 that the Postal Service, as part of the government, cannot be sued for alleged anticompetitive practices.

→ **Heard** oral arguments on whether to open up U.S. courts to World War II-era fights over looted art, stolen property and war crimes.

→ **Returned** to a lower court a case involving a Michigan inmate who alleged mistreatment by prison staff. Justices said that Shakur Muhammad's lawsuit had been improperly reviewed.

### RESCUED | DOG'S BEST FRIEND



JIM RIDER/SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE/AP

**ICY PLUNGE:** Volunteer firefighter Steve Wise, 29, saves a dog that had fallen through the ice on a pond just south of South Bend, Ind., on Wednesday. Wise crashed through the ice at the dog's side, then pulled it to safety.

## New Office to Coordinate Intel Efforts

WASHINGTON | Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a new effort Wednesday to harness and direct intelligence-gathering among key Justice Department agencies, including the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency and Bureau of Prisons.

The purpose of the Joint Intelligence Coordinating Council, Ashcroft said, is to ensure thousands of law enforcement personnel worldwide are focused on collecting and analyzing intelligence

useful in the war against al Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

The council will prevent law enforcement agencies from taking a more scattershot approach or pursuing their own agendas, he said. It also will provide direction to some 670,000 state and local law enforcement personnel.

"It's not just what's easiest to col-

lect," Ashcroft told reporters. "We need to make sure we collect what we have a need for."

Creation of the new council is the latest in a series of moves by the Bush administration to improve intelligence collection, analysis and information-sharing since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The FBI, CIA and other agencies have been faulted repeatedly for intelligence and communications missteps that might have prevented those attacks. CURT ANDERSON (AP)



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# World

## Haitians Given a Reprieve

Rebels say they will delay invading capital as panic, unrest spread

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | U.S. Marines escorted foreigners out of the country amid widespread looting Wednesday, as the rebel leader said the insurgents want to "give a chance to peace" and indicated his troops would hold off attacking the capital.

The rebels have overrun half of Haiti including its second-largest city, Cap-Haitien. Asked when they planned to move on Port-au-Prince, leader Guy Philippe said: "We're ready. We just want to give a chance to peace," indicating they would hold off. "We're ready to talk to anyone. The only one the country doesn't want is Mr. Aristide."

Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide blocked roads throughout Port-au-Prince. Panic overtook the city, though there was no sign of the rebels. Looters struck two warehouses, stealing \$500,000 worth of medical equipment, food and tropical wood.

Meanwhile, pressure mounted for an international intervention and for Aristide to step down. A U.N. Security Council meeting on Haiti was scheduled for Thursday.

MICHAEL NORTON (AP)

**The charismatic rebel:** Philippe, a former army officer, outlines his demands | Today's Post: Section A

## U.S. Helicopter Crashes In Iraq, Killing 2 Soldiers

Military investigating cause; witness says copter hit by missile

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A U.S. military helicopter crashed into the Euphrates River on Wednesday, killing its two pilots. The craft was burning as it went down after an explosion, witnesses said, but the military said the cause of the crash was unknown.

The OH-58 Kiowa helicopter went down near Haditha, 120 miles northwest of the capital, and was lying on its side in the Euphrates,

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

Emad Rasheed, 45, said two U.S. helicopters were flying over the area when a missile hit one of them. Kimmitt said the second helicopter reported seeing no hostile fire and that it was not immediately known whether mechanical failure or enemy fire caused the crash.

The U.S. military has lost 15 copters since the occupation began, most to hostile fire. Sixty-two Americans have died in the crashes.

**Targeted:** Gunmen assassinated Mosul's deputy police chief, continuing a string of attacks on those working with the occupation | Today's Post: Section A



The deaths brought to 547 the number of American service members who have died since President Bush launched the Iraq war on March 20. LEE KEATH (AP)

### MOROCCO | AFTERSHOCKS



**TOPPLED:** A man walks past badly damaged houses in the northeastern village of Im Zourem on Wednesday. An earthquake leveled a half-dozen villages near the Mediterranean city of Al Hoceima on Tuesday, killing nearly 600 people.

## In Brief

### RUSSIA U.N. Says Russians Top List Of Asylum-Seeking Refugees

Russians, mostly Chechens, shot to the top of the world list of refugees seeking asylum in industrialized countries last year, passing dwindling numbers of Iraqis and Afghans, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said. The agency said 33,364 Russians requested asylum in industrialized countries — 68 percent higher than the 19,904 the previous year. (AP)

### THE HAGUE After 2 Years, Prosecution Rests Case Against Milosevic

War crimes prosecutors rested their case against former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic on Wednesday, bringing the landmark trial to its halfway point two years after it opened. Milosevic is facing 66 counts of war crimes related to the Balkan wars of the 1990s. (AP)

### PAKISTAN U.S. Cites 'Renewed Sense of Urgency' in Bin Laden Search

The U.S. military said Wednesday that a "renewed sense of urgency" is firing the search for Osama bin Laden, even as it dismissed reports that the al Qaeda leader had been located near the Afghan-Pakistan border. "The sands in their hour glass are running out," said Lt. Col. Matthew Beevers, of bin Laden and other fugitives. Beevers also praised the Pakistani military for netting 25 al Qaeda and Taliban suspects in a sweep in the border region. Authorities interrogated the suspects through the night. (AP)



A Pakistani soldier on Wednesday guards one of the suspects arrested during a raid against al Qaeda fugitives.

## N. Korean Wins Rare One-on-One With U.S. Official

BEIJING | North Korea secured a rare private audience with the United States on Wednesday and also won an offer of compensation from South Korea if it relinquishes its nuclear weapons program.

The highly unusual meeting came on the sidelines of six-nation

talks aimed at ending the standoff over the North's nuclear program. Assistant U.S. Secretary of State James Kelly spent more than an hour in talks with North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan. No details were available.

North Korea and the United States have no diplomatic relations and technically remain in a state of war after the 1950-53 Korean conflict. When representatives do meet, it is rarely in private or at such a high level. JAE-SUK YOO (AP)

## Libya: Pan Am Comments 'Inaccurate'

TRIPOLI, LIBYA | Seeking to defuse a dispute with Washington and London, Libya on Wednesday reiterated its responsibility for the action of its officials in blowing up Pan Am Flight 103.

Britain sought clarification from Tripoli after Prime Minister Shokri Ghanem told the BBC on Tuesday that Libya has not accepted responsibility for the bombing and only agreed to pay compensation to

improve relations with the West.

Foreign Minister Abdel-Rahman Shalgam said in a statement that Libya accepted responsibility for the explosion aboard the jetliner in 1988 that killed 270 people. "Recent statements that cast doubt on these positions are inaccurate," he said.

Ghanem's comments prompted Washington to put off a plan to lift a 23-year-old ban on American travel to Libya. (AP)



## World

# Israel Seizes Cash in Raids

## Palestinian banks searched for militants' funds

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | Israeli forces burst into three Palestinian banks Wednesday and walked out with millions in cash in an unprecedented raid they said targeted funds funneled to Palestinian militant groups by Iran, Syria and Lebanese guerrillas.

Israel said it took between \$6.7 million and \$8.9 million and that the money would be spent on humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

Palestinian officials said the raid violated banking agreements and could trigger a run on the banks. "It's like the mafia," Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said of the operation. "I think it should be dealt with in a very serious way."

The Palestinian banking system has remained relatively stable despite three years of Israeli-Palestinian violence that has decimated the Palestinian economy.

Israel said the system has been hijacked to finance Palestinian militant groups that have killed more than 900 Israelis in bombings and shootings. The raids came a day after Palestinian security officials confirmed that the Iranian-backed Hezbollah helped fund the last two Jerusalem bus bombings in which 18 Israelis and a foreign worker were killed.

The raids marked the largest search yet for money transfers to militant groups and the first time forces hauled cash out of Palestinian banks. RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

### IN THE BALANCE

#### ARAB AND MUSLIM NATIONS

urged the world court Wednesday to deliver a decisive verdict against Israel's separation barrier in the West Bank. Concluding three days of hearings, the 15 judges of the International Court of Justice retired to begin deliberations on the legality of the structure, which Israel says is meant to stop suicide bombers. (AP)

**Crackdown:** Israeli soldiers and police imposed a curfew on the West Bank town of Ramallah on Wednesday, prompting violent protests | Today's Post: Section A

## Civil Unrest Spreads In Uganda

### Peace march to protest rebels' massacre turns violent, leaving 9 dead

LIRA, UGANDA | A protest after a massacre by rebels in northern Uganda erupted into a frenzy Wednesday, with police shooting into crowds and demonstrators lynching rival tribesmen. At least nine people were killed.

The violence came days after one of the worst massacres in northern Uganda's 18-year-old rebellion, and underscored growing anger among the region's people over the government's inability to crush the Lord's Resistance Army.

Thousands of people demonstrated in the streets of Lira to



A woman pleads with police to stop firing their guns at a demonstration in Lira.

protest the north's growing unrest. Smaller groups broke away from the protest and began looting homes belonging to the Acholi, the tribe from which the rebels draw most of their fighters. Mobs beat to death at least two people, police said.

An Associated Press photographer saw police fire into the crowd,

killing two people. It was not clear if the police were responding to fire from the crowd.

Later Wednesday, the Ugandan parliament voted to declare the northern part of the country a humanitarian disaster area, which is expected to free up extra money to aid victims of the rebellion. (AP)

## Iran: Nuke Report a 'Misunderstanding'

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran downplayed a U.N. report that accused it of failing to disclose significant nuclear work, saying Wednesday it was based on a "misunderstanding" that would soon be cleared up.

A report by International Atomic

Energy Agency said its inspectors in Iran, who have been looking for evidence of an alleged nuclear weapons program, had found traces of polonium-210, a radioactive element that can help trigger a nuclear chain reaction.

In Iran's first response to the report, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said it was nothing new.

"What has been published ... about polonium is merely a misunderstanding which will be removed soon," Asefi told the official Islamic Republic News Agency. (AP)

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# Local

## Catania Blasts Bush on Marriage

Openly gay lawmaker assails proposal for amending Constitution

WASHINGTON | The only openly gay Republican on the District of Columbia Council is outraged over President Bush's support for a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Councilmember David Catania, R-At Large, served as a Bush delegate to the Republican National Convention four years ago, and will be a delegate at this August's convention. But on Wednesday, Catania was furious with the president.

"He is absolutely hell-bent through this amendment on being a divider," Catania said — adding that the amendment would place "blatantly discriminatory language"

in the Constitution.

Catania said the president's stance is not compatible with the theme of "compassionate conservatism" he employed during the 2000 presidential campaign.



Catania

"I don't think there's anything conservative about amending the constitution, nor do I think there's anything compassionate about excluding a portion of the American family from the rights and privileges of American citizenship," Catania said.

He said he will fight the amendment effort from within the party, and remind party members that the gay marriage issue is a matter of state's rights. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

## District Issues New Water Warnings

WASHINGTON | City health officials advised pregnant women and children under six to avoid drinking tap water if their homes are served by lead service lines.

"It is not a citywide advisory or a systemwide caution," District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A.

Williams said Wednesday.

The independently operated D.C. Water and Sewer Authority provides serves 572,000 residents. WASA estimates roughly 20 percent of its 110,000 water lines contain lead.

The health department is step-

ping up its blood testing program, and is calling on area physicians to submit test results indicating elevated lead levels for their review.

WASA has faced criticism for not making tests available to apartment buildings and other businesses, and for using different testing methods for schools and private homes. (AP)

## The Lotteries

February 25

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-8-5 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	1-3-6 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	4-9-4-5
Evening DC 4	5-0-0-2
Quick Cash	16-24-28-22-13-35
Hot Five	7-18-21-33-4

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	9-1-7
Evening Pick 3	6-7-3

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Mid-day Pick 4	8-6-4-0
Evening Pick 4	5-7-3-5
Match 5	7-8-21-25-26 Bonus: 39

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-7-3
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-2-1
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-6-6-8
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-2-5-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	19-21-22-28-30
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	6-14-18-22-31

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	6-11-43-49-52
Mega Ball	21

## Red Line Delayed By White Powder

WASHINGTON | The Judiciary Square subway station was closed Wednesday evening when a suspicious white powder was discovered, D.C. fire officials said.

Anthrax and ricin were ruled out in initial tests on the substance, D.C. Fire and EMS spokesman Alan Etter said. However, tests could not rule out some other kind of biological agent, Etter said. The station was closed at about 6:30 p.m., causing delays of at least 30 minutes. (AP)

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## Money

## Greenspan's Wake-Up Call

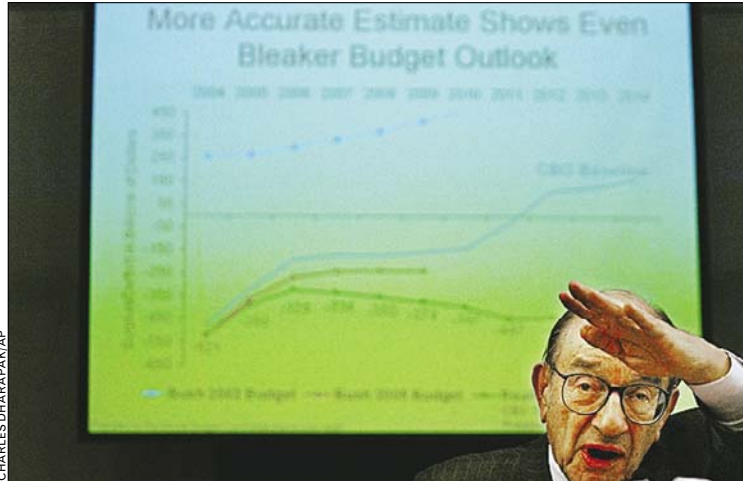
## Fed chairman urges Social Security cuts to prevent future deficits

WASHINGTON | Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, stepping into the politically charged debate over Social Security, said Wednesday the country can't afford the retirement benefits promised to baby boomers and urged Congress to trim them.

He said unless Congress acts, soaring budget deficits from out-of-control entitlement programs could lead to a "very debilitating" rise in interest rates in coming years.

Democratic presidential candidates denounced his proposals, and President Bush and other Republicans sought to distance themselves from the Republican Greenspan.

As for trimming Social Security, Greenspan told the House Budget



Alan Greenspan told a congressional committee Wednesday that the government has promised more Social Security benefits than it can afford to pay.

Committee that one possibility would be to switch to an alternative measure of inflation for annual cost-of-living adjustments. He also suggested tying the retirement age for full benefits to longer lifespans.

Greenspan said the current defi-

cit situation, with projected record red ink of \$521 billion this year, will worsen dramatically once the 77 million members of the baby-boom generation start becoming eligible for Social Security benefits in just four years. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

## After I Witness, Stewart Case Rests

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart's lawyers rested their case Wednesday without putting the homemaking icon on the stand, calling a single witness during a defense that lasted less than an hour.

The judge scheduled closing arguments for Monday and Tuesday, with deliberations to begin Wednesday.

The lone defense witness was

Steven Pearl, a lawyer who testified about notes he took during Stewart's first interview with investigators in February 2002, in which the government claims Stewart told a series of lies about the day she sold her stock in ImClone Systems.

Lawyers for Stewart's stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, also rested their case Wednesday. They called

five witnesses over three days.

Prosecutors claim Stewart sold her shares because she was tipped that ImClone CEO Sam Waksal was trying to unload his own stake.

Stewart and Bacanovic claim they had a pre-existing plan to sell if the price fell below \$60. Prosecutors say it was a cover story. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

**Trying times:** For an interactive primer on the trial and the main players | [washingtonpost.com/business](http://washingtonpost.com/business)

## Market Action

## New York Stock Exchange

## Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IngrmM	19.55	+3.49	+21.7
BuckTch	9.37	+97	+11.5
WHX	3.45	+32	+10.2
ChiYuc	21.19	+1.92	+10.0
Kronos n	30.99	+2.49	+8.7

## Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ITT Ed	38.50	-18.90	-32.9
UtdRentl	16.38	-3.68	-18.3
Culp Inc	9.82	-1.56	-13.7
ConstellB	30.25	-3.90	-11.4
ConstellA	30.72	-3.04	-9.0

## NASDAQ Stock Market

## Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ThrdWve	4.37	+1.00	+29.7
SvisCm	2.41	+48	+24.9
SteelCloud	2.55	+48	+23.2
NatrSun	11.50	+2.08	+22.1
MarshlEd n	9.98	+1.79	+21.9

## Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Flamst	4.25	-1.30	-23.4
Lesco	11.07	-2.23	-16.8
SBE	5.18	-.92	-15.1
CurHlth	11.94	-1.99	-14.3
Intellisync	3.45	-.56	-14.0

## Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.92
2-year	1.61	1.68
10-year	4.01	4.05
30-year	4.89	4.91

## Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5344	.5292	.6351
Canadian Dollar	1.3345	1.3297	1.4924
European Euro	.8003	.7881	.9286
Japanese Yen	109.02	108.09	117.25
Mexican Peso	11.0700	11.0760	11.0575
Taiwanese Dollar	33.24	33.30	34.74

## Smoking Behavior Study

The University of Maryland, Georgetown University, and the National Institutes of Health are conducting a study of current smokers in the DC area to see whether genes or genetic factors influence how persons smoke and if the way a person smokes causes some of the immediate harmful effects of smoking.

To be eligible, you must smoke at least 10 cigarettes a day and have been a smoker for the last 5 years. For more information about this study, or to see if you are eligible, call 800-706-2801, and ask for Bobbi. Participants will be reimbursed.

## Correction

In the March 2004 edition of the express/apartments.com insert which appeared in yesterday's paper, the Starting Rental Rates for several of the properties appeared incorrectly. For complete and updated rental information, please visit [washingtonpost.com/apartments](http://washingtonpost.com/apartments). We regret the error.

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# Sports

## 'Cursed' Ball a Goner in Chicago

Cubs fans to blow up baseball in effort to reverse team's bad luck

**PRO BASEBALL** | This ball is going, going ... Ka-BLAM!

In an event applying the gloss of Hollywood and P.T. Barnum to the "curse" of the Chicago Cubs, the foul ball that couldn't be caught in October's playoffs will be obliterated by a special-effects expert on live television Thursday.

Grant DePorter, who helped buy the ball at a December auction for \$113,824 on behalf of Harry Caray's Restaurant Group, has lined up three hours of music, comedy and celebrity appearances leading up to the climactic event — everything short of Steve Bartman,

the hapless fan who deflected the ball during Game 6 of the National League championship series.

The ball will be sent into oblivion by Michael Lantieri, an Oscar-winner who wrecks things for a living and has worked on such movies as "Jurassic Park" and "Back to the Future."

Lantieri, a die-hard Cubs fan himself, would not reveal his exact demolition plans but admitted he has been blowing up a dozen balls a day in his California lab in preparation.

"That ball's gotta go," said DePorter, managing partner of the restaurant group, which organized the event. "It's like the ring from 'The Lord of the Rings' and we're kind of like Frodo, trying to get it over with." **DAVE CARPENTER (AP)**

### TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**PRO BASKETBALL** (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Wizards and Chicago Bulls play in a game featuring two teams competing for the first pick in the NBA draft.

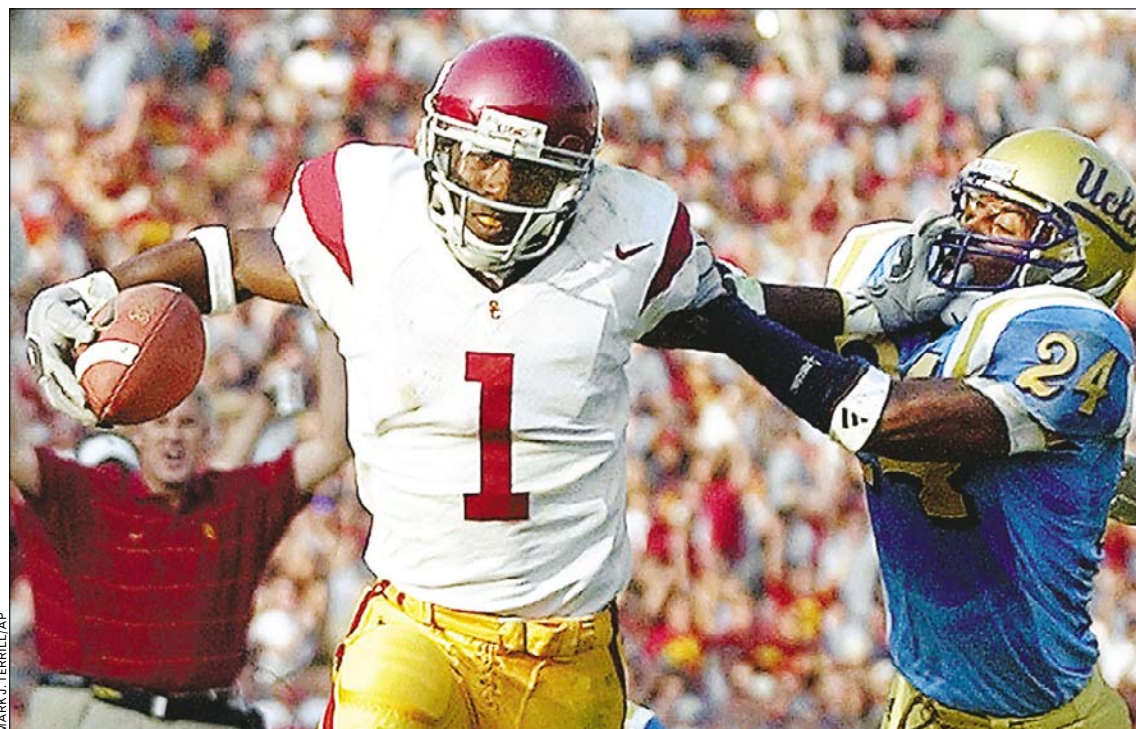
**PRO BASKETBALL** (8 p.m. on TNT) Dallas tries to make up ground on second place-San Antonio.

**PRO BASKETBALL** (10:30 p.m. on TNT)

The top two teams in the Pacific division — the Sacramento Kings and L.A. Lakers — square off.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (11 p.m. on ESPN2) Gonzaga, enjoying one of the best seasons in school history, hosts San Diego.

**GOLF** (2 p.m. on ESPN) The Accenture Match Play Championship continue.



**NO. 1:** Mike Williams is the first player to take advantage of new court-ordered rules letting younger players into the NFL draft.

## Williams Leaps at NFL Opportunity

USC sophomore receiver follows Clarett into draft

**FOOTBALL** | Southern California sophomore Mike Williams will enter the NFL draft, the first player to take advantage of the court ruling in the Maurice Clarett case.

"Mike made his decision that he wants to go to the NFL," USC coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday. "We're disappointed that we're losing him because he's had a terrific two years for us. ... But we're anxious to watch

him in the NFL."

Williams, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound wide receiver who recently turned 20, indicated after USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl that he planned to remain in school. The Trojans were The Associated Press national champions.

Clarett, who was suspended last season after starring at Ohio State as a freshman, went to court to chal-

lenge an NFL rule preventing players less than three years out of high school from entering the draft.

Williams, who finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting, had 87 catches for 1,226 yards and 16 touchdowns last season.

He is expected to go in the top 10 in April's draft.

"He'll be a high pick. There's no question about it," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's chief scouting consultant.

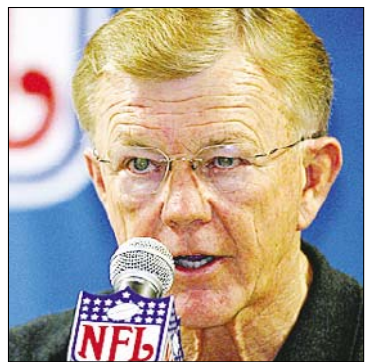
**JOHN NADEL (AP)**

## Redskins Turn Attention to Defense

Washington, Denver reach agreement on Bailey-for-Portis swap

**PRO FOOTBALL** | Mark Brunell and Clinton Portis are just the start. Joe Gibbs wants some defense, too, so look for another Washington Redskins signing frenzy when free agency starts next week.

"We've got everything laid out," coach Gibbs said Wednesday. "We pretty much know what we're going to do. I know the first two moves everybody's been talking about have been on offense, but we've got a whole plan laid out on defense. We know exactly what the numbers are of the people we're going



"We've got everything laid out," Joe Gibbs reassures Redskins fans.

to try and get."

The Redskins and Broncos have agreed in principle to swap cornerback Champ Bailey and Portis, with the Redskins throwing in a second-

round draft pick, but the deal isn't a sure thing until Bailey and the Broncos reach agreement on a new contract.

No trade can officially be completed until the offseason trade and free-agency period begins next Wednesday.

Free agency is critical for the Redskins this year because the Brunell and Portis trades would leave the team with just two selections — in the first and fifth rounds — in April's draft.

The Redskins need to overhaul their defensive line and will need a new starting linebacker to replace Jessie Armstead, who was one of four salary cap cuts Tuesday.

**JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

## Palmeiro 'Back At Home' With O's

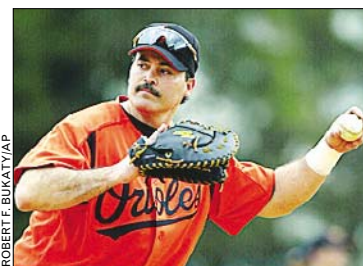
**PRO BASEBALL** | Rafael Palmeiro walked into Baltimore Orioles' camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., shook hands with a couple of security guards, looked around and smiled.

"Just like I never left," he said. "I'm back home."

The Orioles held their first full-squad workout Wednesday, and for Palmeiro it was a homecoming. It was his first practice session with Baltimore since 1998.

Palmeiro hit 182 homers with the Orioles from 1994-98 before signing a five-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

After being victimized by the Rangers' youth movement last



Rafael Palmeiro is eager to play first base for the Orioles this season.

year, Palmeiro jumped at the Orioles' offer of \$4.5 million for 2004 — especially after they guaranteed him the job as the starting first baseman.

"I've wanted that role forever," he said. "Last year, I was ready to play every day, but the Rangers made a move to get some younger players in. So I kind of had to sacrifice a little bit." **DAVID GINSBURG (AP)**



## Sports

# Rangers' Sather Resigns as Coach

**PRO HOCKEY** | The losing, the chants and the lack of effort from the New York Rangers convinced Glen Sather it was time to start making changes — beginning with himself.

Sather stepped down Wednesday as coach of the Rangers, staying on as president and general manager and signaling that more changes lie ahead as the March 9 trading deadline nears.

"There isn't anyone in the organization that has a no-trade in his contract, so I think when we get down to that stage we'll make some decisions," Sather said.

New York likely will miss the playoffs for a seventh straight season despite the highest payroll in the NHL. Assistant coach Tom Renney was promoted to interim



Despite his players' high salaries, Glen Sather could not get them to win.

coach, and assistants Terry O'Reilly and Ted Green will remain on the staff.

With 20 games remaining, the Rangers are in 12th place in their conference, 14 points behind the eighth-place New York Islanders.

CHRIS SHERIDAN (AP)

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New Jersey	35	20	.636	—	10-0 26-10
New York	26	32	.448	10.5	5-5 19-16
Miami	25	33	.431	11.5	4-6 16-17
Boston	23	35	.397	13.5	1-9 14-23
Philadelphia	23	35	.397	13.5	3-7 17-20
Washington	16	38	.296	18.5	3-7 9-26
Orlando	16	43	.271	21	3-7 12-26

### CENTRAL

W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Indiana	42	15	.737	— 8-2 28-9
Detroit	35	24	.593	8 2-8 24-15
New Orleans	30	26	.536	11.5 4-6 22-17
Milwaukee	29	27	.518	12.5 3-7 23-13
Toronto	25	31	.446	16.5 3-7 15-18
Cleveland	23	34	.404	19 5-5 17-19
Atlanta	19	38	.333	23 5-5 12-22
Chicago	16	40	.286	25.5 3-7 14-17

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Minnesota	41	16	.719	—	7-3 19-12
San Antonio	38	19	.667	3	8-2 19-11
Dallas	36	20	.643	4.5	7-3 21-13
Memphis	34	22	.607	6.5	9-1 20-15
Houston	32	24	.571	8.5	6-4 12-18
Denver	32	26	.552	9.5	5-5 21-16
Utah	28	30	.483	13.5	3-7 16-19

### PACIFIC

W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Sacramento	41	14	.745	— 8-2 22-12
L.A. Lakers	35	19	.648	5.5 7-3 18-15
Portland	29	28	.509	13 7-3 14-21
Seattle	26	30	.464	15.5 3-7 16-17
L.A. Clippers	24	31	.436	17 4-6 11-21
Golden State	24	31	.436	17 4-6 15-21
Phoenix	18	40	.310	24.5 1-9 11-24

Standings through Feb. 24.

❖ **Game on:** For a complete wrap-up of action over the weekend in the NBA and NHL, as well as men's and women's college basketball | [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	32	17	7	5	76	176	141
Florida	22	25	13	3	60	139	161
Atlanta	24	31	6	2	56	170	196
Carolina	19	27	12	3	53	118	152
Washington	19	33	8	2	48	147	191

### ATLANTIC

Philadelphia	33	15	11	5	82	185	146
New Jersey	32	17	11	1	76	147	121
N.Y. Islanders	29	22	9	2	69	174	153
N.Y. Rangers	22	29	7	4	55	160	183
Pittsburgh	11	42	5	4	31	125	241

### NORTHEAST

Ottawa	34	16	8	5	81	208	138
Toronto	34	17	9	3	80	182	158
Boston	30	15	13	6	79	163	146
Montreal	31	25	6	2	70	162	148
Buffalo	28	27	6	1	63	161	159

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	35	17	9	2	81	202	147
Nashville	30	23	7	2	69	159	165
St. Louis	29	23	7	2	67	144	156
Chicago	17	32	7	5	46	139	181
Columbus	17	33	8	4	46	129	177

### NORTHWEST

Colorado	33	15	10	4	80	182	140
Vancouver	33	19	7	4	77	182	148
Calgary	31	23	5	3	70	149	138
Edmonton	25	26	10	1	61	159	157
Minnesota	21	23	16	2	60	139	139

### PACIFIC

San Jose	30	16	11	5	76	161	132
Dallas	30	22	10	0	70	138	136
Los Angeles	24	17	14	7	69	166	162
Anaheim	21	25	9	8	59	136	164
Phoenix	20	24	15	3	58	154	180

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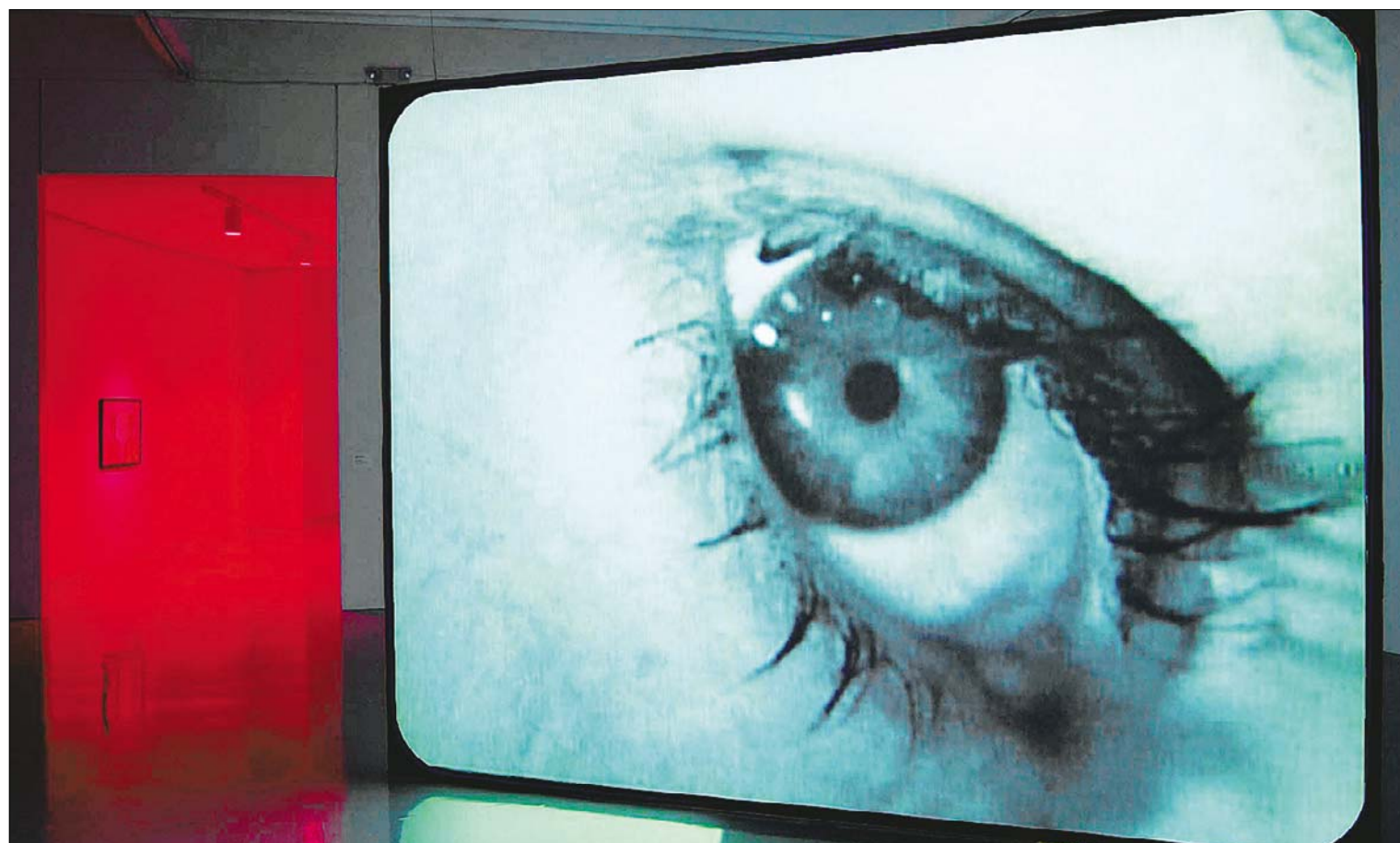
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## Entertainment

## WeekendPass



**MOTHER'S NOT HERSELF TODAY:** Douglas Gordon's "24 Hour Psycho" screens the thriller at a mesmerizing slow speed and provides the pretext for an arty sleepover.

## A Day in the Life &amp; Death

## A video installation goes 'Psycho' for a full day

**OUT & ABOUT** | Here are the top three all-time greatest movie scenes set in museums. 3: Steve Martin rollerskating past Old Masters paintings in "L.A. Story." 2: Gwyneth Paltrow and Luke Wilson secretly overnighting in a gallery of wildlife dioramas in "The Royal Tenenbaums." 1: punk rock showdown between Agnostic Front and Murphy's Law at the Guggenheim in "Cremaster 3."

But check it. This Saturday,

Washington gets its own scene. Somehow the curators of Signal 66 gallery convinced the Hirshhorn Museum to throw an all-night party and sleepover. The occasion is the Hirshhorn's opening of its Douglas Gordon exhibition.

The artist's video installation, "24 Hour Psycho," provided the inspiration. The work stretches the Hitchcock classic over the length of an entire night and day. It's a way to see a familiar work with fresh

eyes — especially that shower scene. As Gordon told *The Guardian*, "24 Hour Psycho, as I see it, is not simply a work of appropriation. It is more like an act of affiliation ... it wasn't a straightforward case of abduction."

"The original work is a masterpiece in its own right, and I've always loved to watch it. ... I wanted to maintain the authorship of Hitchcock so that when an audience would see my '24 Hour Psycho,' they would think much more about Hitchcock and much

less, or not at all, about me."

And the movie soundtrack?

Those clever kids from Signal 66 enlisted a dozen bands and deejays to provide it. Starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and stretching until 3:30 a.m. Sunday, the likes of Chessie, The Phobes, Sounds of Kaleidoscope, DJ Neville Chamberlain and others will bring the noise. Douglas Gordon will bring the video, as well as a meet-the-artist discussion on Sunday at 3 p.m. Oh, and there will be bagpipers and breakfast in the morning. **BOB MASSEY**

*Hirshhorn Museum, 7th Street and Independence Avenue. SW; Sat.-Sun., Feb. 28-29, free; 202-633-4674. (L'Enfant Plaza)*



Up-and-comer Jimmy Lange will fight all challengers, dragons, griffons etc.

### Back in Black: Living Colour

In the early '90s, Living Colour stunned the world with a simple concept: a black rock band. And we haven't come that far since — Vernon Reid is still the only African-American guitar god of note. The band is overdue for a bracing comeback.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., Feb. 28, \$20; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

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### All the News That Isn't:

The world is deadly serious; fortunately, Jon Stewart is seriously funny.

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### Greetings, Earthlings:

They're not just grown men in silly costumes — they're actors playing Martians.

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**Wine & Dine:** Tastings, demos, seminars and Todd English — it's the 5th Annual International Wine & Food Festival.

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**Hard to the Core:  
Out for Blood for Blood**

The Hardcore Superfest 2004 might be the hardest yet. Expect plenty of body ink; the cave-like dampness of much sweat; fast chording and the pervasive smell of beer. Blood for Blood stars, but also on the bill are Murphy's Law, Wake Up Cold, All Out War, The Aftermath and many more.

*Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; Sun., Feb. 29, 1 p.m., \$15; 202-554-1500. (Navy Yard)*



A typical scene of hardcore, sweaty madness at a Blood for Blood show.

**Ladies Who Mulch:  
Home and Garden Show**

If the Oscars show is the Super Bowl for women, then the Capitol Home and Garden Show is the ladies' own auto expo: more than 500 booths filled with products and ideas guaranteed to get her heart racing and her hands redecorating, gardening and remodeling.

*Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Center, Dulles; Thu.-Sun., Feb. 26-29, \$9; 800-274-6948.*

**Who Will Win?  
Oscar Crapshoot**

Ten bucks on Bill Murray for the upset! It's D.C. Film Society's Oscar Party, with a predict-the-winners contest, a silent auction, the "Best of 2003" and other cinematic treats.

*Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington; Sun., Feb. 29, 7:15 p.m., \$20 general admission, \$15 Film Society members; 202-554-3263.*

**Tango Argentino:  
Embassy Gala**

Grab a chippy; they'll supply the dip. The Argentine Embassy presents a "Tango Gala" for experienced dancers, with music from the Tango Camerata (featuring director and bandoneonist Daniel Diaz), food, wine and elegant surroundings.

*Embassy of Argentina, 1600 New Hampshire Ave. NW; Fri., Feb. 27, 7 p.m., \$30; www.le-tango.com.*

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# Hockney's Theatrics

**A painter loses his hearing but not his vision**

**FILM** | From the '70s to the '90s, as he was slowly going deaf, David Hockney took up a sideline in opera production design.

The feature-length film "Colors of Music — David Hockney and the Opera," which screens this weekend at the National Gallery of Art, explores this facet of a near-legendary career that has ranged from painting to printmaking to large-scale photo-collage.

Maryte Kavaliauskas and Seth Schneidman's short (85 minutes) 2002 documentary made under the aegis of France's Arte network, is

merely workmanlike, but their material shines of its own accord.

As Hockney grew in his craft, he assumed greater responsibility for the overall presentation of his sets and costumes. A sequence in which studio models of the sets for "Tristan und Isolde" come alive under a variety of lighting designs is little short of revelatory.

Hockney's later landscape paintings were greatly influenced by his theatrical work, which was itself informed by "Parsifal"—choreographed drives through the Santa Monica Mountains above



**ARTISTIC DRAMA:** Painter David Hockney turned to opera set design in the 1970s.

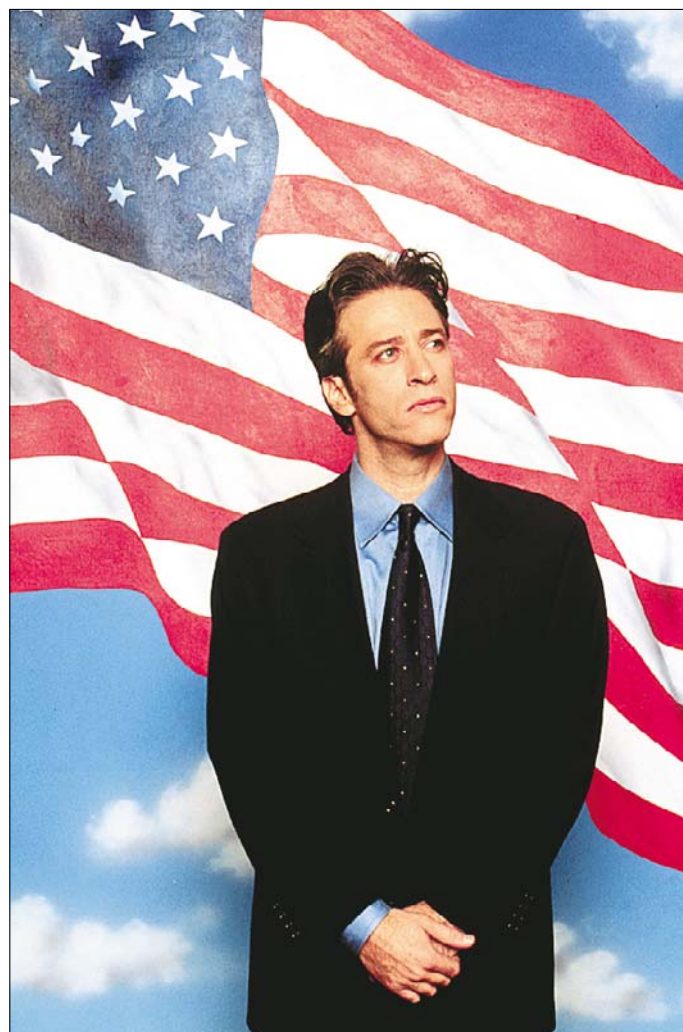
the lights of Los Angeles.

Fans of Ian Falconer should watch for cameos in which the future children's picture-book author and New Yorker illustrator is seen donning a prosthetic dyer's paddle or a freshly painted apron, tools of the set-trimmer's trade.

Long before Falconer dreamt up Olivia, the precocious piglet with a thing for Maria Callas, he worked with Hockney on "Turandot" and "Die Frau Ohne Schatten."

But "Colors of Music" is enlightening as well as instructive. It's an object lesson in adaptation and the truism that when one sense is dimmed — Hockney is now mostly deaf — another blossoms in its place. **GLENN DIXON**

*National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Thu.-Sun., Feb. 26-29; 202-737-4215. (Archives-Navy Memorial)*

**COMEDY | POLITICAL THEATER**

**WILL THE FAKE NEWSMAN PLEASE STAND UP?** Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," has a knack for saying what people are thinking. That's the thing about hosting a "fake news show" — you can get away with telling the truth as long as the powers that be are laughing. Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; Fri., Feb. 27, 8 p.m., \$39-52; 202-432-7328.

# N.Y.'s Walkmen: Different Strokes

**Tight, cynical garage  
rock out of New York?  
No, the other guys**

**MUSIC** | Do you ever wish you didn't have to lie about seeing the Strokes play at the Black Cat before they hit the mainstream? Here's your chance to jump on a new bandwagon.

At first listen, the Walkmen bring to mind, well, the Strokes: They also credit the Velvet Underground as an influence, hail from the hipster lounges of (their adopted) New York and traffic in post-punk garage rock.

The Walkmen's 2002 debut LP, "Everyone Who Pretended to Like Me Is Gone," introduced a surprisingly mature, world-weary band to a musical world agog over other scruffy rockers.

On their new, more polished album, "Bows + Arrows," the Walkmen shine on harder tracks like "The Rat," but still maintain the melancholic glaze that permeated much of their earlier work.

These D.C. natives may have grown their rock legs amid the more eclectic New York City scene, but



**MEN IN BLACK:** The Walkmen may be rock's next big thing, but you knew that.

Washingtonians have never been shy about jumping on bandwagons. So go see the Walkmen at the 9:30 Club tonight, and when their singles start hitting the radio, you won't have to feel guilty about lying again. **PETER DENTON**

*9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Thu., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., \$12; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)*

## TopStops

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Amy Lee and the guys we don't care about much — her band or something.

### Dark Lady: Evanescence

We're supposed to be dark, broody and intellectual about bands like Evanescence, those jaw-droppingly successful kids who are strong enough for the Goths but made for the popsters. So we could say much about the band's moody intensity and compelling melodies. But we're only gonna say this: How cool is Amy Lee? So, so cool.

*Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; Sat., Feb. 28, 7 p.m., \$40; 202-432-7328.*

### Still Truckin': A Taste of the Samples

If there were any justice in the rock biz, the Samples would headline festivals and Sean Kelly would be a renowned jam-bandleader. Still, Kelly's remarkable, reggae-tinged songwriting and lead vocals have earned The Samples a diehard following over the last 20 years. With Brian Vander Ark.

*9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Feb. 27, \$15, 9 p.m.; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)*

### A Place in the City: Affordable Housing Show

The National Building Museum explores one of the country's most urgent issues. "Affordable Housing: Designing an American Asset" looks at substantial, well-designed low-cost housing in various communities, including D.C.'s own LeDroit Park. Through Aug. 8.

*National Building Museum, opens Sat., Feb. 28; 202-272-2448. (Judiciary Square)*

# Mars Needs Scripts

It came from outer space to make us laugh at cheesiness

FILM | On the off chance that Triumph the Insult Comic Dog's haranguing of the geeks at the "Attack of the Clones" premiere taught all you sci-fi costume freaks nothing, it's time to suit up again.

National Geographic encourages attendees of Friday's Mars Film Festival to "get in the spirit and come dressed as your favorite Martian or space character!" Does Warner Bros.' Marvin the Martian count?

Three Cold War classics will be screened. The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. with 1954's "Devil Girl from Mars."

Any nerd fortunate enough to have secured female companionship for the evening could do worse than to persuade her to don the



Aaa! It's so creepy and inhuman — and the big guy's scary, too.

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dominatrix-beyond-the-stars get-up of frosty mantrap Nyah, who has come to Earth to replenish her planet's stud stock.

At 7:30 p.m., it's "Invaders From Mars," legendary production designer and "Things to Come" director William Cameron Menzies's 1953 UFO thriller.

This parable of Red Scare paranoia is best watched — particularly by those who first encountered it at an impressionable age — through the cracks of well-threaded fingers.

At 9 p.m., the 1953 version of H.G. Wells's "War of the Worlds" reveals the best way to rid the globe of marauding aliens.

It turns out that cheesy costumes aren't quite enough to make them die of shame. GLENN DIXON

*National Geographic Society, Gilbert H. Grosvenor Auditorium, 17th and M streets NW; Fri., Feb. 27, \$5 per film; 202-857-7700. (Farragut North)*

## Friday in

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### Make 'Em Laugh:

Open-mike night is a funny thing, if you do it right. We have your guide to trying stand-up. | Cover

➔ Also, some of the artists who made the Quilts of Gee's Bend come to the Corcoran; reviews of all the latest movies.

### MODERN DANCE | BATSHEVA IN THE BELFRY



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**RADICAL MOVEMENT:** Israel's innovative, provocative Batsheva Dance Theater presents Deca Dance, an evening-length work made from parts of eight dances by choreographer Ohad Naharin. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu.-Fri., Feb. 26-27, 8 p.m., \$12-\$36; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

# Black to Basics

MUSIC | The Soul of John Black boasts a star-studded sonic resume. The L.A. band, which plays Iota on Sunday, has logged time with Miles Davis, Fishbone, Macy Gray and Eminem.

Not surprisingly, John "JB" Bigham and Christopher "CT" Thomas pepper their splendid self-titled debut with a variety of genres, including R&B, hip-hop, folk and even country.

In sharp contrast to neo-soulsters who enlist banging beatsmiths to nab younger audiences, The Soul of John Black's minimalist sounds are acoustic guitar-driven bursts of folky soul. JB's rootsy, countrified hollers are reminiscent of Al Green and CT's steady bass and drum programming give the bare bones fare a modern edge.

JB and CT also toured with folky rhymers Everlast and sounds from that stint are heard through tracks like "Carolyn," where JB raps about an object of his affection.



CT and JB have got soul — and R&B, hip-hop, folk and even some country.

Despite past affiliations with megastars, the Soul of John Black is still an emerging act on a pint-sized label that prides itself on donating funds to high-school music programs.

If folks consider contributing hard-earned scratch to catch their Iota gig, it'll be money well spent. CRAIG SMITH

*Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sun, Feb. 29, 9 p.m., \$12; 703-522-8340. (Court House)*



# Vietnam Laid Bare

**STAGE** | If art imitates life, it's amusing to think playwright Terrence McNally likes his characters witty, controversial and frequently naked. The man who dated Edward Albee also wrote "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and "Love! Valour! Compassion!" McNally's "Corpus Christi" depicted a gay Jesus and his disciples and predictably provoked widespread outrage. Yet

somehow McNally's colorful reputation never overshadows his potent dramatic work.

His early play "Sweet Eros" was written during the Vietnam era at the height of the sexual revolution. In it, a man has kidnapped, stripped and bound a woman. The male speaks nearly all the lines. Sally Kirkland, who originated the role, called the play an anti-war parable.



Two soldiers trapped in a nightmarish absurdity in Terrence McNally's "Boticelli."

The playwright called the nudity a metaphor for spiritual emptiness. Hmm. If you say so.

In "Botticelli," two soldiers in the Vietnamese jungle pass the time with a game of "Who Am I?" As each guess reveals the soldiers' vast cultural knowledge, the absurdity of their situation is thrown into high relief. It slams home when they encounter their enemy. Characters can get naked in more ways than one. **BOB MASSEY**

Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; Sun.-Wed. 8 p.m., \$10; through March 24; 202-462-1073. (U St.-Cardozo)

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#### HELMAND

(806 N. Charles St., Baltimore; 410-752-0311) — Afghan food rarely gets its due in a time of pile-it-on entrees. There should be more appreciation for a cuisine so clean, so easy to digest, so subtly varied in texture and flavor. What could be more unobtrusively enticing than a supple dough packet stuffed with blanched leeks and dressed with yogurt and minted meat sauce (aushak)? Other showpieces at this long-time Mount Vernon Square favorite include the pan-fried eggplant baked with tomatoes (banjan borwani); the beef-stuffed pastries topped with split pea sauce (mantwo) or the vegetarian version topped with sun-dried tomatoes and peas; the weekend special of a half-rack of spice-rubbed lamb (chopan); the lightly sweet and very Persian lamb and spiced rice kabuli casserole; and the tongue-tingling kofta meatballs. Entrees \$9.95-\$17.95. EVE ZIBART



Chopan (lamb chops) at Helmand, an Afghan restaurant in Baltimore.

#### IRISH INN AT GLEN ECHO

(MacArthur Boulevard at Tulane Avenue, Glen Echo; 301-229-6600) — A fine back of the hand to fatty and floury "theme pubs" that give Irish stew a bad name, this beautifully renovated old favorite now offers Irish-inflected fare — pan-roasted salmon with corned beef-stuffed cabbage roll, whiskey smoked salmon, lamb shank with root vegetables — that doesn't need a schtick to lean on. In fact, as if to defy the heavy-food stereotype to

the utmost, the kitchen dispenses with most of the fat and flour, sometimes going so lean it could use a little extra liquid to help wash it down — there's Guinness on tap, of course. Entrees \$20-\$24. EVE ZIBART

#### OPTIONS

(4870 Boiling Brook Pkwy., in the Randolph Hills Center, Rockville; 301-230-0600) — This ingratiating spot is part lavishly overstuffed cocktail lounge, part teen-pop karaoke bar and part deft and quick Korean restaurant. Don't miss the scallion pancake with seafood (haemul paijun), steamed pork dumplings or any of the barbecued beef and pork dishes. Seafood lovers have an unusual number of soups (spicy monkfish stew), stir-fries (barbecued squid) and grills to choose from. Chase with shochu, if you dare: The vodka-like liqueur not only balances the spice, it may lure you into the karaoke nooks. Entrees \$9.95-\$28.95. Not wheelchair accessible. EVE ZIBART

Eve Zibart's dining reviews appear every Friday in The Washington Post's Weekend section. This week, she visits the Hunter's Head Tavern in Uppersville, Va.

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## Eating Around

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Planning an Oscar party? Steal ideas from the new "Movie Menus: Recipes for Perfect Meals With Your Favorite Films" by Francine Segal (Villard, \$17). Chapters group dishes according to 10 movie genres, with headings like "The Wild West" (recipes for Native American fry bread and grilled river catch with piquant relish) and "Gangsters to Greasers" (recipes for prohibition punch and the "original" Caesar salad). (AP)

### GUIDES

#### Sustainable Chefs

The new edition of the Chefs Collaborative's Restaurant Guide is now available. Member restaurants have chefs who make sustainable cuisine their specialty, and offer seasonal, local and artisanal ingredients on their menus. The guide is organized by state and city, listing more than 160 restaurants that support environmentally friendly prac-

tices and the use of local produce, organic foods, natural meat and seafood from abundant species. A PDF version may be downloaded from [www.stonyfield.com](http://www.stonyfield.com). (AP)

### DRINK

#### Something to Wine About

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*D.C. Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW; Feb. 28-29, 1 to 5 p.m.; single-day ticket \$71, two-day ticket \$92; 800-343-1174 or [www.wine-expos.com](http://www.wine-expos.com). (Mount Vernon Square)*



Wine expert and author Leslie Sbrocco with chef Todd English of Olive's.

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Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline).

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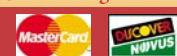
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Television

Chaos in a Vacuum

NEWS SPECIAL | If journalism is the first draft of history, “The Invasion of Iraq” on “Frontline” (9 p.m., PBS) offers a drastic rewrite informed by a year of hindsight and sobering reflection. “Invasion” presents a battle-by-battle chronicle of the drive to Baghdad, featuring interviews with soldiers and officers on both sides of the conflict.

One Iraqi general describes how his army simply dissolved. “I don’t think more than 15 percent of the armed forces actually fought.” American officers continue to second-guess the Pentagon’s decision to send a relatively small force to invade and occupy Iraq. This required the forces to strike with unprecedented speed. The



U.S. soldiers still suffered long after Saddam Hussein's regime was toppled.

swift campaign resulted in logistical problems during battle and may have contributed to postwar chaos.

The rapid “decapitation” of the

Hussein regime left a void. “You had no Iraq institutions to co-opt,” says Allied Ground Command Lt. Gen. David McKiernon. “No Iraqi army, no Iraqi police ... a vacuum was created. And into this vacuum flowed first chaos and then a violent insurgency.”

“Invasion” also reflects on lapses in intelligence regarding weapons of mass destruction and the expectation that Allied troops would be met as liberators. Several high-ranking Army officials also chide the Pentagon for its arrogance. Secretary of the Army Thomas White chooses his words carefully when describing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his assistant Paul Wolfowitz. “Neither man,” says White, “is a man that I would say was burdened by a great deal of self doubt.”

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

RISKY BUSINESS

**TRUE LIFE: I'M LIVING IN IRAQ** (10 p.m., MTV) provides viewers with an intimate look at the minute-to-minute existence of several members of an Army unit as they patrol Baghdad, guard the meeting of a local council, teach English to children in the streets and try to grab some sleep as gunfire breaks out near their base.

One young soldier tells how he has not been the same since an officer was blown to bits while standing right next to him. “Hours later,” he explains, “I was still finding body parts in my pockets.”

“True Life” also focuses on several young Iraqis, including a would-be filmmaker, who felt liberated by Saddam’s ouster but at the same time must attend a gutted university destroyed by postwar looters.

MURDER IN TINYTOWN

**CSI** (9 p.m., CBS) A murder victim is found stuffed in a tire.

THAT SOUNDS DIRTY

**THE APPRENTICE** (9 p.m., NBC) The Donald asks the kids to exploit his liquid assets.

SO, WHAT'S THIS 'JOB' THING?

**FRIENDS** (8 p.m., NBC) Rachel endures an uncomfortable job interview.

EXTREME SOCIETAL PRESSURE

**EXTREME MAKEOVER** (9 p.m., ABC) Two contestants drop a combined 142 pounds.

CULT CHOICE

**HOFFA** (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel) Jack Nicholson portrays the controversial Teamster boss Jimmy Hoffa in director (and co-star) Danny DeVito's 1992 biography, written by David Mamet. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC [4]	News [6]		NBC News	Hollywood	Friends (N)	Will & Grace	The Apprentice (N) [6]	(9:59) ER (N) [6]		News [6]	Tonight Show
	WTTG [5]	Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends [6]	Seinfeld [6]	★ ★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001) Angelina Jolie.			News		Simpsons	Drew Carey
	WJLA [7]	News [6]	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelorette [6]	Extreme Makeover (N) [6]	Super Millionaire (N) [6]	News [6]		News [6]	Nightline [6]
	WUSA [9]	News [6]	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: All-Stars (N) [6]	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Without a Trace "Gung-Ho"	News [6]		News [6]	Late Show
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	WMPT [22]	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	Business	Ask This Old	MotorWeek	Frontline "The Invasion of Iraq" (N) [6]				Frontline [6]	
	WETA [26]	World News	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Martin Luther [6]		Frontline "The Invasion of Iraq" (N) [6]				Charlie Rose (N) [6]	
BASIC CABLE	WHUT [32]	Rise and Fall of Jim Crow		World News	MoneyWise	On Africa		World News	Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N) [6]	
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	A&E	City Confidential [6]		American Justice		Cold Case Files A tool mark solves a murder. [6]			With Malice "Rubbish" (N)		Third Watch "True Love" [6]	
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	Comedy	Late Night [6]		Daily Show	Mad TV (N) [6]	Trigger	Insomniac	South Park	Man Show	Man Show	Daily Show	Tough Crowd
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	Discovery	Border Patrol: Life on Line		New Detectives-Forensic		HALO: Freefall Warriors (N)	HALO: Freefall Warriors (N)	HALO: Freefall Warriors (N)	More Than Human [6]		HALO: Freefall Warriors	
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics [6]		Buff Brides: Challenge		Sex, Gender and Desire	Berman & Berman (N)		Buff Brides: Challenge	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	"Get a Clue" (2002) Lindsay Lohan. [6]		Kim Possible	Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family
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	FX	(4:30) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Die Hard" (1988, Suspense) Bruce Willis.				★ ½ "Lucky Numbers" (2000, Comedy) John Travolta.			Cops [6]	Cops [6]	★ ½ "Lucky Numbers"	
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	MTV	Music Videos [6]		Direct Effect [6]		TRL (iTV) [6]		Osbourne	Osbourne	True Life "I Live in Iraq" (N)	Real World	Real World
	NICK	Oddparents	Oddparents	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Roseanne [6]	Roseanne [6]
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 [6]		★ ★ "Bugs" (2003) Antonio Sabato Jr. [6]		Star Trek: Next Gener.		"Curse of the Komodo" (2003, Horror) Tim Abell. [6]	Extreme	Extreme	★ ★ "Straits" (1991) [6]	
	SPIKE	Real TV [6]	Real TV [6]	Star Trek: Next Gener.		★ ★ ★ ½ "Jerry Maguire" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. [6]		★ ★ ★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. [6]	TV's Illest Minority Moments		Ultimate Albums "Eminem"	
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	TLC	Clean Sweep [6]		In a Fix "The Dude Room"		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Dallas Mavericks. (Live) [6]			NBA Basketball: Kings at Lakers			
	TNT	Charmed "Womb Raider"		Law & Order "Monster" [6]		Law & Order		★ ★ ★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. [6]			★ ★ Duets	
	USA	PGA Golf Chrysler Classic of Tucson -- First Round. [6]		VH1 Goes Inside [6]		Ultimate Albums "Nelly" [6]		Beef: Rap's Biggest Battles				
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NEWS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [6]		Baseball		NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche. (Live) [6]		(:40) SportsCenter (Live) [6]				
	ESPN2	2003 World Series of Poker		College Basketball Marquette at South Florida. (Live) [6]		College Basketball Valparaiso at Duke. (Live) [6]						
	CSN	NASCAR	SportsNite	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Washington Wizards. (Live)		Wizards Post.		SportsNite	College Basketball Oregon at California.			
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360 [6]		Paula Zahn Now [6]		NewsNight-Aaron Brown			Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) [6]		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor [6]		On the Record			The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report (Live)		Hardball (Live) [6]		Countdown-Olbermann		Deborah Norville Tonight			Hardball [6]	
	AMC	★ ★ ★ "Wing and a Prayer" (1944) Don Ameche. 'NR' [6]		★ ★ ★ "Barbarosa" (1982, Western) Willie Nelson. 'PG'		★ ★ ★ "The Far Country" (1955) James Stewart. 'NR'						
ENCORE	TCM	Asphalt	★ ★ ★ ½ "Bad Day at Black Rock" (1955)		★ ★ ★ "Ben-Hur" (1959) Charlton Heston. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ. 'G' [6] (DVS)							
	HBO	(:15) ★ ★ "Digging to China" (1998) Kevin Bacon. [6] 'PG'		Real Sports [6]		★ ★ "Daredevil" (2003) Ben Affleck. [6]		Starsky			Pimps Up, Ho's Down [6]	
	MAX	(4:45) Solaris	★ "Anaconda" (1997) Jennifer Lopez. [6]		★ ★ "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. [6] 'PG-13' [6]		★ ★ "The Rules of Attraction" (2002, Drama) [6] 'R' [6]					
	SHO	★ ★ "FX2" (1991) Bryan Brown. iTV. [6] 'PG-13'		★ ★ ★ "Bowling for Columbine" (2002) iTV. [6] 'R' [6]				Chris Isaak Show (iTV) (N)			Boxing	
	TMC	(5:45) ★ ★ ★ "Girl With Green Eyes" (1964)		★ ★ "Dead in the Water" (2001) 'R' [6]		★ ★ ½ "Rated X" (2000) Charlie Sheen. [6] 'R' [6]					★ ★ ½ "Zoolander" (2001)	
	STARZ!	(5:15) ★ ★ ★ "Brassed Off"	(:05) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Far From Heaven" (2002) Julianne Moore.		★ "The New Guy" (2002) DJ Qualls. [6]			★ ★ ½ "XXX" (2002) Vin Diesel. [6] 'PG-13'				
	ENCORE	Big Trouble	(:20) "Austin Powers in Goldmember" [6]		★ ★ ★ "The Long Kiss Goodnight" (1996) Geena Davis.		(:05) ★ ★ ½ "Grumpier Old Men" (1995) Jack Lemmon.					





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Spac 2BR, 2BA, excel cond. \$2300/mo. incl gar space. Avail. immed. No pets. **MARION CLOUD, 703-314-7033, RE/MAX ALLEGIANCE**

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**NO**—2BR, 5 Mins to D.C. walk dist to Courthouse Metro. 703-887-9204

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Beautiful Landscape View

- 2 Bedrooms, 2 baths
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**BETH- METRO**—1 BR+ den condo w/balc, prkg, \$1750. Kelley Company Rlttrs 301-933-8333

**BETH/Montgomery Mall**—2BR, 1½BA, balcony, new renov. Walking dist. to 495 & 270. Avl. 3/1. \$1475 all utls & Cable incl. 240-462-4878

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**BETH/PROMENADE** **301-230-1404**  
1BR 1BA, den, 981 sq ft.

\$1300 incl all utls & cable/garage space.

**BETH/WHITMAN**—Fully renov. 4BR 3BA Split lVl. designer kit. Jacuzzi. 2 blks to HS. \$3100. 703-573-9340

**BETHSADA GLEN ECHO**  
Attractive 2BR, private patio, close to 495, the Canal, & Ride On To Metro, CAC, w/d, trees.

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**CAP HILL**—3BR, 2BA, 2nd lVl, FP, w/d, CAC. Modern cond. \$1800+utls. 1 month free rent. 721 E St, NE, #3. Call Leslie 202-744-6965.

**CAP HILL LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION**  
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**CAP HILL/NE**—Just renovated 4 unit Victorian. W/D. CAC, W/W, DW, O/PF. From \$1150 up. Open Sat 10-1. 1248 Maryland Ave. 301-986-5643

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**CHEVY CHASE/4733 Bradley Blvd**—2 BR, 2½ BA, 2 story, W/D, 2 prkg spac, unique space. \$2500. Avail 4/1. 301-656-0465 ext 226

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**COLLEGE PARK/GREENBELT**  
2BR 2FBA, loft, Fireplace jacuzzi, sunrm, w/d, dw, pool/gym, \$1650 202-550-5358

**COLLEGE PARK/OLD TOWN**  
2 blks from University of Maryland. 2 blocks to Metro! Garden style apartments. 1-BR \$825, 2-BR \$975. All utls incl. Call 202-582-2473

**CONN/WOODLEY PARK**  
**NEXT TO WOODLEY PARK METRO**  
EFFICIENCIES & 1 BEDROOMS  
Call Mon-Fri 202-483-1510

**DUP/WESTEND**—1BR, den, 1BA, laundry, gar., end unit, balcony avl now. \$2150. 202-352-1463; 202-333-1176 202-232-2244.

**DUPONT CIRCLE/1755 Church St**—Modern 1BR w/HDWD flrs, nr shopping/metro, \$1500+utls, Thomas D. Walsh, Realtors: 202-237-8488

**FAIRFAX CITY PETS WELCOME**  
SFH, 4BR/2BA, 2 fp, w/d, deck, fncd yd, lge gar new kit/BA, \$1800, 540-664-9100

**FAIRLAKES**—2 or 1BR. in a TH. \$500/ea + utls. Avl now. 4372 Thomas Brigade Ln. 703-403-9400

**DUP CIR**—Great loc. 2 blks metro. Maid svc. 24hr desk. Laundry room. Dailys from \$44 & weekly from \$165/week. Brickseller Inn. 1523 22nd St, NW 202-293-1885

**DUP E/LOGAN** **1420 R.I. Ave.**  
2-3BR + den, 2½-BA loft TH, CAC, fpl, w/d, new kit. appls., deck,gar. + 1 outside space, 1 blk Whole Foods, \$2600. Avail. 3/1. 202-387-6543

**DUPONT CIR-Effy & 1 BR avail immed, 1 mo. free rent to qualified applicants. OPEN SAT. 10-2**  
Excel loc. Great bldg. \$99 sec dep. move in special. Call Yansi, 202-483-0200/202-232-7424

**FALLS CHURCH**—1BR condo, all utls. incl. Exercise & laundry fac., storage. No pets. Ask about rent rebate. \$900. 571 437-4449

**FALLS CHURCH/MCLEAN SCHOOLS** **2 HOUSES**

**3BR, 1BA, LR w/fp, \$1495.**

**ADORABLE RENOV**—2BR, 1BA cottage w/white picket fence & arbos. \$1295. 703-204-0790

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**GAITHERSBURG** **BY LAKE FOREST MALL**

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**GEORGETOWN**—English bsmt, 2 rms, W/D, utls incl'd. \$1000. Call 202-342-6633

**GEOTWN**—1325 S. Beau. apt/ofc space in Heart of Georgetown. 301-951-8474.

**GERMANTOWN**—2BR, 1BA, w/d. \$900. Presidential Realty 301-445-6400

**GLOVER PARK/2606 41st St NW**—Lg 1BR w/HDWD Flr, scrn'd-in rr porch, freshly dec. w/new kit appls, \$941 heat & hot water incl, Thomas D. Walsh, rtr: 202-237-8488

**GLOVER PK/4000 Tunlaw**—Lge bright 1BR/1BA. Pool Prkg incl. \$1500/mo incl utls. 703-969-8036.

## HERNDON

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**KENSINGTON/CH CH VIEW**—3BR, 2½BA, DR, LR, lge RR, fpl, gar. New wdwgs, gas ht, a/c, no pets. \$2200. Agt. 301-946-2626, M-F 8-4pm

**KENSINGTON**—TH. 3 BR. 2½ BA. Rec rm, den, patio, 1700

Kelley Company Rlttrs 301-933-8333

**LOGAN CIR**—Lge studio, w/d in unit, hdwd flrs, gar pkg, secured bldg. \$1350 utls incl. 301-299-8990

**LORTON**—Lux 2 BR, 2 BA w/frpl. Off 95. \$1250. Call 703-642-2852

**MT PLEASANT**—Fully furn 1BR bsmt apt. CAC, laundry facilities, parking, \$1195/mo utls incl. 202-468-0807

**MT. PLEASANT**—Handsomely furn'd English bsmt apt. Nr Metro, laundry, garden & all utls incl'd. \$1250. 202-265-8744

**NE**—Lrg 1BR, newly renov, 1 blk fr Gallaudet, Sec 8 okay. Contact Renee, 240-876-1618

**NE**—nr Cath Univ/R.I. Ave subway, 3BR, 1 den, 1½BA, LR DR Kit, fin bsmt, laun rm, sun deck, \$1500/mo. Must hv gd credit. Call for appt, 301 736-8358

**NE TAKE YOUR PICK**

**1616 K St.**: Lg 2BR w/HDWD Flrs, \$775; Lg 1BR w/HDWD Flrs, \$675, all units freshly decorated, coin-op laundry on premise, t/bk to Hechinger Mall & shops, heat & hot water are included. Sec 8 ok. Thomas D. Walsh, rtr: 202-237-8488

**OLNEY**—Beautiful Townhouse w/garage, 3BR, 2½BA pool/tennis, great schools, \$1900mo+ utilities 301-603-0481

**RESTON LUXURY**

2 Master Bedrooms, luxury Bath, w/d, frpl, \$1375, lease depos. No pets. 703-779-9330; 703-431-4694.

**ROCK/METRO**—Gorgeous TH, 3BR, 2½BA, fin bsmt, nr everything. Must see! \$1750/mo. 301-738-8820

**SE—1 & 2BR apts. \$600 & up + elec. No pets. 202-265-4814/889-4083. Fred A. Smith Co.**

**SE/1301 U St**—Lg 2BRs, avail immed! HDWD Flrs, coin-op laundry on premise, possible OSP. \$672 all utls incl. Thomas D. Walsh, Realtors 202-237-8488

**SE/3324 13th St & 2847 Gainesville St**  
2 BR, Sec 8 ok. 301-577-1306

**S.E. \$212 E St.**—Lge 1BR w/hdwd, coin op Indry on prem. \$525+elec. **Thomas D. Walsh Realtors, 202-237-8488**

**SIL SPG**—1BR \$795, 2BR \$950. FREE utls. CATV. Hdwd flrs. Bus at dr. Cls. to shpng. Nr Metro. On-site pkg. Monterrey Apts/301-588-3413.

**SIL SPG**—3 BR, 2 BA condo. New carpet, paint, ac, walk to Glenmont Metro & shpgg. \$1495/mo incl all utls. OPEN SUN 2/29, 1-3pm. 2210 Greenery Lane Unit 102 (20902).

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**SIL SPG**—Bright & sunny condo w/garage, extra storage, W/D, sliding glass doors to patio, conv. loc., recently renov., avail. immed. \$1000/mo. 301-982-5554

**SIL SPG/Chevy Chase**—1BR condo, walk to Metro, CAC, w/d, hdwds must see! \$1050. 240-606-6853

**SIL SPG/Layhill, \$1500, lux, spacious TH, 3BR/3½BA, fin bsmt, LR, DR, FR, close to shops, 301-807-8265**

**SIL SPG/Leisure World**—Lux. Condo. Must be 55 yo+. 1BR, 1 BA. Jan. 1. \$1100/mo. + elec. **301-203-0871**

**SILVER SPRING**—Quiet 3BR, 2.5BA, end TH. deck, w/d, lots of storage! 1.6 mi fr Glenmont Metro. \$1655. Call Ken, 240-432-4707

**SILVER SPRING**—3BR, 3½BA TH, 3 lVls, 2-car gar, frpl, deck, lux finished, many upgrades. 5min walk to Metro, Discovery & AFI. Avail 4/1. \$2950/mo +utls. 301-681-7459

**SILVER SPRING/707 Chichester Rd**—Lg 6BR 4½BA w/unfin bsmt, cac, gar, \$2250/mo + utls, Thomas D. Walsh, Realtors: 202-237-8488

**SPGLFD SO**—Upscale 2 BR, 2 BA condo. W/D, frpl, alarm syst, sunrm, clubhse w/work-out rm & pool. Excel loc. Close to 2 Malls, Metro & VRE. Off I-95. Straight to dwntwn. \$1275/mo. 703-642-2852

**STERLING/CASCADES**—SFH. 5 BR, 4 BA. 3 car gar. Deck, w/o fin bsmt. \$2000/mo. 301-742-3345

**SUITLEAND**—6703 Boxwood Dr. Morningside Area. Completely renov. brk rambler, 5BR, hdwd flrs upperlvl, full in-law suite, 2 FBA, 2 kitchens, gas ht, CAC, fncd yd, application fee will be credited to 1st mo rent. Rent to own. \$2100. Please call 301-736-7319.

**SUITLEAND**—Completely renov. brick rambler, 4BR, hdwd flrs upper lvl, full in-law suite lwr lvl, 3 full ceramic baths, 2 kits, all season sunrm addition, high effcy heat pump w/CAC, lge liv fncd back yd, pvt lge driveway rent to own, \$2300. A Must see. Please call 301-736-7319

**SW/Capitol PK**—1350 s.f. Jacuzzi, 2 lVl, 2 BR TH. DSL. Wlk to 3 metros. DW, AC/heat, Pvt security, prkg space, cats & small dogs allowed. \$1850. Call 202-863-8447

**SW**—Studio apt w/spc kit., French doors to patio, parq. flr; nr Metro, a/c, w/d. \$950+utls. 202-488-1636

## SW/WATERFRONT

1BR w/yard. \$595+ utilities

1535 Half St. 202-371-9182

**TAK PK/SIL SPG**—1BR short term avail. Pets ok. Close to shops, transp., parks, more. \$750+. 301-587-2265.

**TAKOMA PARK/SIL SPG AREA**—Lovely effcy, 1&2BR units avl. Hdwd flrs. Lots of light. \$695 to \$825. 301-937-0100.

**TEMPLE HILLS**—1, 2 & 3BR apts., w/w carpet/D/W/ W/D/FP, 2BA, on Metro route, gas & wtr incl'd. Call about Spring specials. 301-894-8524.

**VIENNA**—SFH. 5 BR, 3½ BA. 1 car gar, deck, close to Tysons Corner, Pets ok. \$1800/mo. 301-742-3345

**VIENNA/TYSONS**—4BR/3BA. lg yard. MBR deck. new fin bsmt. walk to Metro. \$2100/mo. 703-573-9340

**WHEATON**—3BR, 1F BA house, laun, fpl, walk Metro. \$1500 + utls. 301 370-7082

**WOODBRIDGE**

Pet friendly. 2BR AT \$950. 3BR AT \$1199 + 1 Month Rent Free. This week only! Bonnie, 703-494-5265.

**WOODBRIDGE RIVER OAKS**—Spac TH, walkout, extra bonus rm, 3 FBA great cond, \$1500.

Jobin Realty 703-798-6920

## ROOMMATES

**ALEX/LANDMARK**—Immed. F. shr lge 2BR 2 BA apt. Lge closets & terrace, gym, sauna, pool, etc. Partly furnished. Close to everything. Reasonable rent. (8 mos). 703-965-0974, after 9pm

**ALEX/W. END**—Prof. F/M n/s to shr lux TH, vry conv. to DC. Pvt. BA. St. prkg. Deck, pool, fpl, W/D, \$850+1/2 utls. Refs req'd. 703-751-7123

**ALEX**—Walking distance to Metro & shpgg Ctr. Shr 3 lVl TH w/AC, W/D, prkg, 2 rms avail, \$550 & \$750. Call Katie 703-861-3364

**ANNANANDALE**—Female to share Beautiful TH in quiet nhrhbrd. Lge BR/pvt BA. 1 mi 495/Braddock Rd. Avail IMMED. \$625 INCL UTIL + 1 mo sec. No smkg/pets. **703-425-1103**

**FAIR LAKES/Fair Oaks**—N/S prof. F shr TH. Wlk bus/shops. Nr 66 Ffx Co. Pkwy. \$550 inclds utls & cabl. Sec. dep. rfrd. No pets. 703-803-6091

**FAIRFAX CITY**—Shr lg 4BR TH. 1st flr BR/pvt BA. Landscaped entries, lg kit, attic storage, ample pkg. DSL, Direct TV, w/d, sec sys. Walk to shoppng, parks, restau, banks, across from library. \$700+ ½ utls. N/S/no pets. Robert, 703-273-4936

**FAIRFAX/FAIROAKS**

Professional Nonsmoking Female to share large Town house, 2 rooms & full bath, \$650+utls.

Avail 3/1. Call 703-591-3774

**LEDROIT PARK**—Historical U St corridor, shr newly renov hse w/furn pvt BR/BA, incl pkgng, DSL, cable, w/d, prefer prtg or stndt. \$625/mo + dep. C: 240-505-5558; H: 202-332-1052

**MCLEAN**

M/F NS shr quiet SFH, 1BR, \$550+

People



Next up: Billy Ray Cyrus bats for the Baltimore Orioles; Garth is jealous.

**DREAMS**  
**It'll Take More Than This to Make Us Forget Chris Gaines**  
“The guys have told me not to quit my day job,” **GARTH BROOKS** said Tuesday, his first day of spring training with the Kansas City Royals. The 42-year-old country star was invited to the Royals’ camp to raise awareness for his Teammates for Kids Foundation, which he founded in 1999. He previously attended spring training with the San Diego Padres in 1998 and 1999 and the New York Mets in 2000. He’s 1-for-39 in exhibition games, his lone hit a single off Mike Sirotko of the Chicago White Sox in 1999. “None of these guys want to give up a hit to me,” he said. (AP)

MODELS  
**Elvis Lives!**

She wasn’t wearing blue suede shoes. But **RILEY KEOUGH** — granddaughter of Elvis Presley, daughter of Lisa Marie — put her best foot forward in her modeling debut. The 14-year-old walked the runway Wednesday during the Milan fashion show for D&G and will walk Saturday in Dolce & Gabbana’s show. “When we met Riley last year we were immediately struck by her beauty and fresh, pure spirit,” Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana said. “With her mother’s beauty and her grandfather’s attitude she is sure to be a star!” (AP)



ANTONIO CALANNI/AP

**DEALS**  
**Cronkite’s New Career**  
Opponents of the new Medicare prescription drug law have recruited **WALTER CRONKITE** for a campaign that highlights what they see as the law’s shortcomings. Cronkite, 87, appears in and narrates an 11-minute video that the non-profit Families USA

plans to send to 10,000 senior citizen centers and retirement communities to explain changes in Medicare. “Instead of doing a tax-financed 30-second political ad ... we use one of the most respected journalists in America and provide detailed information,” said the executive director. (AP)

**DIVAS**  
**She’s Not Just a Reality Star — Jessica Can Also Sing**

Patti LaBelle and **JESSICA SIMPSON** will perform at the “VH1 Divas” special, live from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on April 18, VH1 announced Monday. The “Divas” specials raise money for the nonprofit VH1 Save the Music Foundation,

which works to restore instrumental music programs in public schools and raise awareness of music education. Since the foundation was created in 1997, more than \$25 million worth of musical instruments have been donated, VH1 said. (AP)



**WEIRDNESS**  
**Jacko Hires Judge to Settle Ominous-Sounding ‘Matter’**

Pop star **MICHAEL JACKSON** and his second wife have hired a retired judge to handle an unspecified “family law matter.” In an order filed Friday, a judge approved an agreement reached by Jackson and Deborah Rowe on Jan. 27 to have

retired Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephen M. Lachs preside over the case. The matter is believed to concern custody and visitation arrangements for the couple’s two children — a boy, 7, and a girl, who is 5 or 6, who reportedly live with Jackson. (AP)



LUCY NICHOLSON/AP

Courtney Love is so not under the influence of any controlled substance.

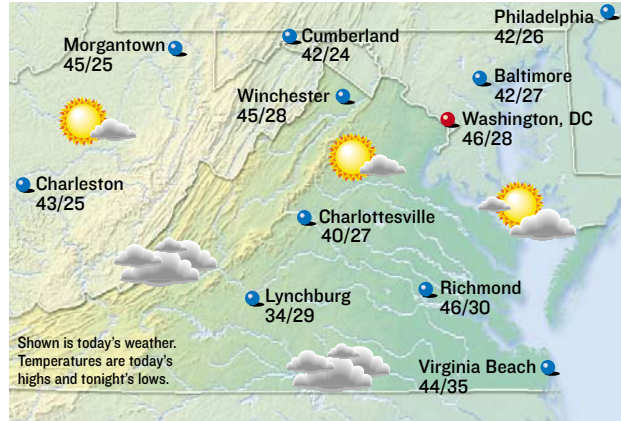
**OUR COURTNEY**  
**Love’s Lawyer Fired For Being Too Normal**

A trial date for one of **COURTNEY LOVE**’s two criminal cases was delayed after she told the judge Monday she dismissed attorney William Genego because “he wanted me to plead guilty to something I didn’t do.” Love’s new attorney said he needed time to familiarize himself with the case in which Love is charged with being under the influence of a controlled substance. The trial is rescheduled for March 8. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny, chilly	Partly cloudy, cold	Mostly sunny; a chilly start	Sunny; a milder afternoon	Mostly sunny, mild	Partly sunny, breezy, mild
46°	28°	48° / 34°	56° / 36°	60° / 42°	62° / 45°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.  
**Temperature**  
High ..... 45°  
Low ..... 29°  
Normal high ..... 49°  
Normal low ..... 32°  
Average humidity ..... 39%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 2.28"  
Normal month to date ..... 2.31"  
Year to date ..... 3.63"  
Last year to date ..... 8.94"  
Normal year to date ..... 5.52"

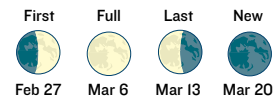
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[washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

Regional Forecast

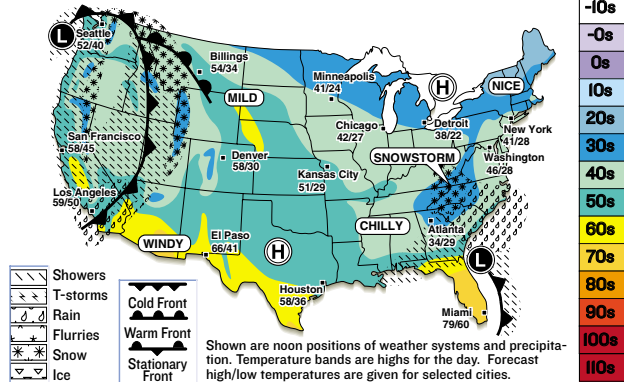
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly sunny, chilly. High 46. Wind north to northeast 8-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, cold. Low 28. Wind northeast 8-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 6:46 a.m.  
Sunset tonight ..... 5:57 p.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 9:56 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... none



National Weather for Thursday, February 26



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	Hi/Low/r 34/29/r	45/33/c
Boston	41/23/s	43/28/s
Chicago	42/27/s	48/32/s
Dallas	54/34/s	61/43/s
Denver	58/30/pc	55/29/pc
Honolulu	82/73/c	80/63/sh
Los Angeles	59/50/sh	58/46/c
Miami	79/60/sh	76/51/pc
New York City	41/28/s	41/33/s
Orlando	74/52/c	70/46/c
Seattle	52/40/sh	50/38/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low/r 34/27/sn	36/29/sn
Athens	65/56/c	67/53/r
Berlin	31/19/sf	32/19/pc
Buenos Aires	90/70/s	86/63/pc
Calgary	38/18/c	38/14/c
Dublin	39/30/sn	39/26/c
Geneva	33/15/sn	31/18/pc
Moscow	30/13/sn	29/20/sn
Rome	55/39/t	50/33/pc
Sydney	74/56/pc	77/60/s
Tokyo	55/37/s	47/36/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



# Playback

## Letters

### TO THE EDITOR

LETTER-WRITER Millie Davis wrote Wednesday (Feb. 25) that she was upset by a photo depicting the violence in Haiti. I think Express is the appropriate place to show real scenes of how dangerous life is for people in certain international trouble spots. These scenes can be uncomfortable for comfortable Americans to see, but it's more uncomfortable to be the person in the photo with the gun pointed at his head. If Express did not acknowledge these snapshots of international problems, many busy people commuting on Metro might not be aware of them.

—PETER BOYLE  
Arlington, Va.

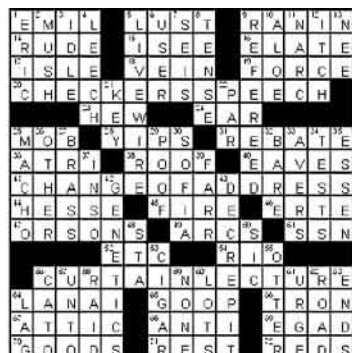
IN WEDNESDAY'S REVIEW of Mel Gibson's "The Passion" (Feb. 25), writer Gene Seymour asks, "Where is the 'tolerance, love and forgiveness' that Gibson had promised his audience?" Seymour must have missed Jesus' line, "There is no greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Or what about, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"? To miss the love and forgiveness shown in Jesus' eyes is to miss the point of the movie.

—SCOTT SEIFERT  
Silver Spring, Md.

### WRITE TO EXPRESS

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Submissions may be edited for space. E-mail to [inbox@readexpress.com](mailto:inbox@readexpress.com) or mail to Express Letters, PO Box 17370, Arlington, VA 22216.

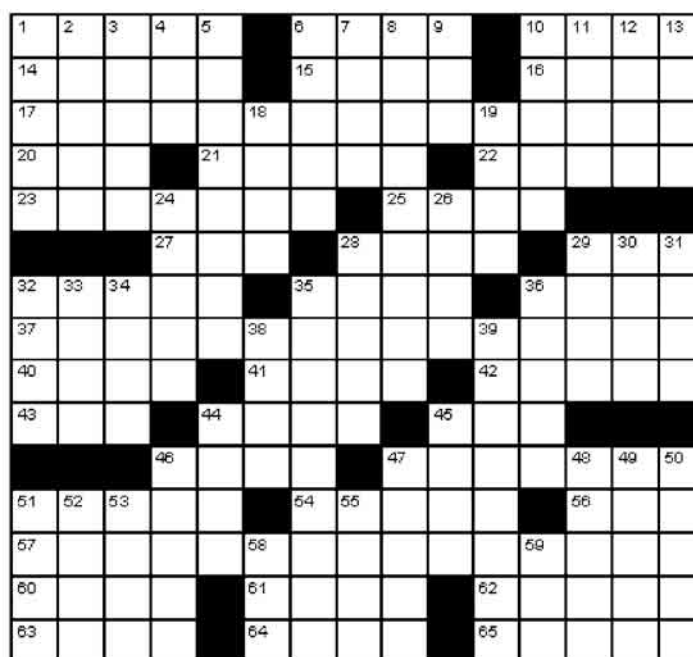
### Yesterday's Solution



### Crossword Puzzle: Gimme a Break | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

#### ACROSS

- 1 Florist supply
- 6 Fitzgerald of jazz
- 10 Shrewd storybook cat
- 14 Intimate
- 15 Den
- 16 Aztec contemporary
- 17 Three breaks
- 20 "Cakes and \_\_\_\_" (Maugham)
- 21 Religious rationalist
- 22 They're in their element
- 23 Hits the roof
- 25 Pound of letters?
- 27 Hunky-dory
- 28 Temple outcast
- 29 HMO workers
- 32 Wide rift
- 35 Like The Fonz
- 36 Convinced
- 37 Four breaks
- 40 "Star Wars" royalty
- 41 Book part
- 42 Snide
- 43 Better-than-anything ending
- 44 Soviet news bureau
- 45 Crony
- 46 Anjou relative
- 47 Evolve
- 51 Like one who's seen a ghost



- 54 Display histrionics
- 56 Relative of .net or .org
- 57 Three breaks
- 60 Crew on the high seas
- 61 Frivolous
- 62 Go from E to F
- 63 Knuckle under
- 64 Loads

- 65 Ibsen's "An \_\_\_\_ of the People"
- 1 Travel documents
- 2 Quite sufficient
- 3 Overindul-gence
- 4 Tony winner Wallace
- 5 Set of identifying traits

- 6 Legendary Spanish knight
- 7 One-time French protectorate
- 8 Took to the skies
- 9 Boxer's greeting
- 10 Madonna rendition
- 11 Nullify
- 12 Patsy's downfall

- 13 Remarks
- 18 Nerdy type
- 19 "Duke of \_\_\_\_"
- 24 "Peter and the Wolf" bird
- 26 Novelist defender of Dreyfus
- 28 Shreds
- 29 Pluto, for one
- 30 "Darn it!"
- 31 Hot
- 32 Merry king
- 33 Tints
- 34 Busily working
- 35 Sound surge
- 36 Musty
- 38 Unfortunately
- 39 Fish through rubbish
- 44 Nobelist Morrison
- 45 "Pistol \_\_\_\_" Maravich
- 46 Harold Robbins novel (with "The")
- 47 Peace signs
- 48 One way to get a flat?
- 49 Loathing
- 50 Like thick orange juice
- 51 Considering
- 52 Dueler's injury
- 53 Smug racer
- 55 Tuna treat
- 58 Deep matter?
- 59 Flemish painter van Eyck

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### Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — It's impossible for you to fit in everything you want to accomplish; you have only so much time at your disposal. Be clever and consolidate.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Resist the urge to show off. Your attributes and merits will shine in a subtle and far more effective way if you play it cool.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Discretion being the better part of valor, you should know when to reveal certain information, and when to keep it to yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Don't try to make too many plans for others; focus more squarely on your own independent activities. Do yourself a good turn.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — It's time to set your mind on higher goals; you've been holding yourself back simply because you haven't set your sights high enough.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Look to past experiences for the answers you most need. Further self-knowledge will open doors for you financially and personally.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Take advantage of those communication lines that you've been so proud of lately. Talk about what's bothering you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — The focus will fall upon your domestic situation, and you must be willing to tell it like it is when you are asked.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may be feeling emotionally shaky. Find solace in time spent with loved ones — and never think you're asking too much.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Accept any gifts you are offered in a sincere and gracious manner. Now is no time to ask questions about positive developments.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Changes on the home front must not be feared. See if you can't lead the way, rather than follow with doubt and uncertainty.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Don't be overly concerned with outward appearances. Look beneath the surface, read between the lines and dig deeper for answers.

### LIVE ONLINE

## 'The Passion'

From [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**THE VERY REV. DAVID M. O'CONNELL**, president of The Catholic University of America, was online Wednesday to discuss Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ."

### Is it appropriate for the film to open on Ash Wednesday, a religious holiday?

Ash Wednesday is not really a religious "holiday," it is a liturgical commemoration that begins the season of Lent, a time when we focus on our own sinfulness and on Christ's redeeming sacrifice. In that respect, putting "the passion" of Christ before our minds seems rather appropriate.

### We are told that the film is not anti-Semitic. The answer to the question of who killed Christ is that we all did — all of humanity. How is that message conveyed in the movie?

It is less important, in my mind, that a movie convey that notion than that the Church — and its thoughtful, careful preaching and teaching — present and explain it.

### Why is Jesus called "the Christ?"

Jesus is popularly referred to as "Jesus Christ," as though that were his last name. Christ is a title that in Greek and other scriptural languages is rendered with the descriptor "the." "Christos" in Greek is translated "the Anointed" — a reference to his messiahship.

### Would you recommend the movie?

I do think it is worth seeing but the audience should be appropriate and prepared for its graphic brutality. The movie's stated intention is to strip away the artistic and antiseptic portrayals of Jesus' crucifixion in order to give the audience a chance to understand its horrific reality.

### If Jesus was born a Jew, when did he become Catholic?

Jesus lived and died and rose from the dead, a member of the Jewish religion.

### Today on Live Online

**3 P.M.:** David John, of the Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies at the Heritage Foundation, discusses Alan Greenspan's proposal to cut benefits for future Social Security beneficiaries.

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